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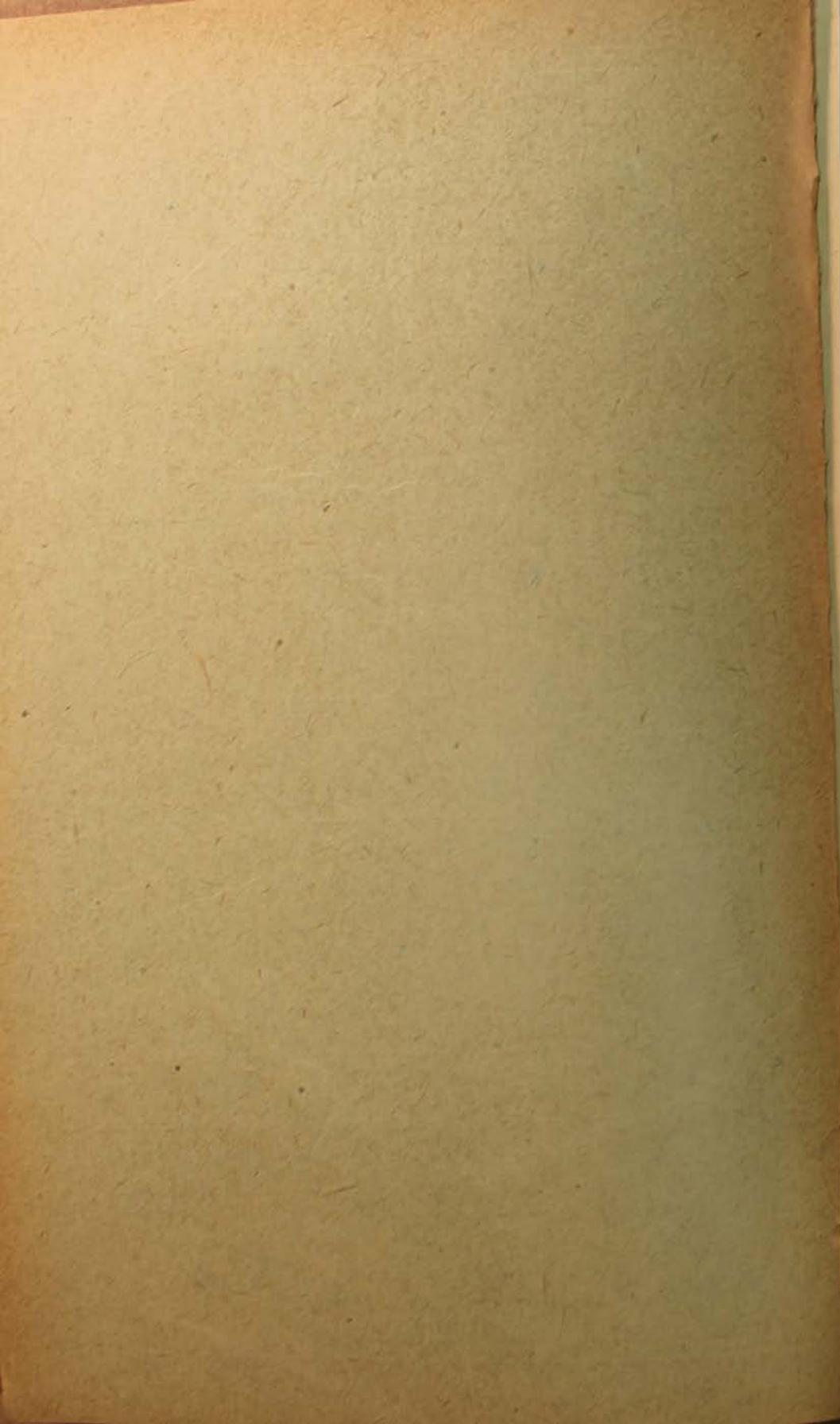
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DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES
OF THE

National Spiritualist Association of U. S. A.

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.
 2. We believe that the phenomena of nature, physical and Spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.
 3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith constitutes the true religion.
 4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
 5. We affirm that communication with the so called dead is a fact scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.
 6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule; "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye also unto them."
 7. We affirm the moral responsibility of the individual, and that he makes his own happiness or unhappiness as he obeys or disobeys Nature's psychic laws.
 8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul, here or hereafter.
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and bring Spiritualists closer in touch and let the people know that we are here, let our motto be

"UNITY OF ACTION, HARMONY OF INTEREST."

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MRS. J. P. WHITWELL, Pastor

Meets every Sunday in the I. O. O. F. Hall at 8:00 P. M.
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St. Paul, Minn.

The SUN FLOWER LYCEUM meets every Sunday in the same
hall, at 10:30 A. M., where interesting lessons and instruc-
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J. P. Whitwell, Conductor.

AN INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO THE PUBLIC TO JOIN
WITH THEM.

The Central Spiritualist Church

REV. IDA SHERWIN IVES, Pastor

Meets every Sunday in the Unitarian Church at 8:00 P. M.
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Minneapolis, Minn.

Also holds a Test Social every Wednesday at 2:00 P. M. in
the basement of the same Church.

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The First Spiritualist Church of Minneapolis

REV. J. F. IRELAND, Pastor

Res. 1200 2nd Ave. So.

Meets every Sunday, at 7:45 P. M. in the Masonic Temple,
K. of P. Hall,, 6th St. and Hennepin Ave.

The Subjects for the Sunday evening lectures for the month of March are as follows, on the

- 3rd. "Origin of Religious Ideas," (Historical).
- 10th. "Effect of Religious Ideas on Humanity."
- 17th. "What Constitutes a True Religion."
- 24th. "Religious Truths that have been Dem-
onstrated"
- 31st. "Sixty-Fourth Anniversary of Modern
Spiritualism."

There is held every Friday Evening, at 8:00 p. m., in the I. O. O. F. Hall, Corner 4th St. and Central Ave., **HEALING MEETINGS** connected with the Church, conducted by the Pastor and Dr. Chas. A. Russell, where Dr. Russell is healing many, you should make an effort to attend these meetings; Progressive Lyceum meets every Sunday in same hall, at 1:30 P. M., Marguret Bowman, Conductor.

The North Side Spiritualist Church

MRS. PAUL BEUHLER, Pastor

Meets every Sunday at 8:00 P. M. in the I. O. O. F. Hall
406 20th AVENUE NORTH

Holds a test social in the same hall every Thursday afternoon
AT 2:00 P. M.

IT IS ALSO GOING TO CELEBRATE THE

64th Anniversary of Modern Spiritualism

with an all day meeting, commencing at 10 A. M.

Dinner and Supper served in the hall by the ladies.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31st, REMEMBER THE DATE.

All other Spiritualist Churches are invited to join with them, a fine program has been arranged.

"The Spiritualist News," in making its appearance in the public arena of life's activities does not feel that it is necessary to make any apology, but feels as though it had as much right, and can fill a place in public necessities as much needed, for the educational advancement, and enlightenment of humanity, as many of the present day publications. Its policy shall be, to on all occasions endeavor to tell the truth, and be devoted: **First**, to the interest of Spiritualism in the Twin Cities, and to give it a proper standing in the minds of the public, as it is next to impossible to get a truthful representation through the columns of the public press. Our daily papers and leading magazines are ever catering toward sensationalism, **AD CAPTANDUM VULGUS** (to attract and please the rabble), thus filling the minds of the general public with erroneous ideas until they confound and associate Spiritualism with Fortune-telling, Divination, Prophecy, Witchcraft, Devils-works, etc., all of which is as foreign to true Spiritualism, and has as little to do with its true philosophy as they have with Catholicism, Methodism, or any other **ISM**.

The true workers in the ranks of Spiritualism do not tell fortunes, give tips on the stock market, or tell you who you are going to marry, but they give you true Spiritual advice, which is uplifting in every respect, and they are the **ONLY** ones, and represent the **ONLY** religion on earth, that can **PROVE TO YOU** the continuity of life after the change called death.

Second, to use all our Churches and workers with the same feeling of kindness and brotherly love, as the real **MOTTO** of Spiritualism is "Love ye one another," "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

So with malice toward none, but with charity toward all, we ask your undivided support.

We go to press too early to give a detailed account of the Mid-Winter Mass Meeting of the State Spiritualist Association, held in the I. O. O. F. hall, corner Fifth and Wabasha Streets, St. Paul, February 22 to 25, inclusive, but we feel that it will be a grand success, as a fine program has been arranged,

and as it is the first Mass Meeting under the management of President Whitwell. Spiritualists to show their appreciation of his tireless work should turn out in a body, and for that reason we are exceedingly glad to note that all the Spiritualist Churches of Minneapolis are going to close their meetings on Sunday evening, February 25, and pay their respects to Dr. Geo. B. Warne, President of the National Spiritualist Association of the U. S. A., who will speak in the Knights of Columbus hall, 409 Cedar St., on that evening.

If you want to insult a true Spiritualist Medium, just ask them to tell your **fortune**.

Why should you be ashamed to be a Spiritualist, when by being one you are in company with the greatest minds that ever honored this globe with their presence, not only of all ages past, but of the present day; you are in company with thirty-nine of the leading scientists. We are proud of an opportunity to tell people that we are a Spiritualist, we know what it means, and what it will mean to the world when better understood.

Did you ever think of the wonderful elasticity of the Bible? How it can be stretched to prove any religious belief that could possibly be entertained by the mind of man? The one hundred and sixty religious denominations, with their contradicting statements and confessions of faith, each one proves their premise and teachings as absolutely true and infallible by the Bible.

While attending the convention of the National Spiritualist Association in St. Louis last October, a reporter from one of the large dailies of that city said to us: "If I should write up a truthful report of your convention, you would not know it when it appeared in the morning paper, it would be so changed. I was told on leaving the office to make it **sensational**." How can the general public ever know the truth about the true philosophy of Spiritualism and its teachings as long as the public press stands in that at-

itude toward it? Do you not think the "Spiritualist News" is necessary and should be supported?

It is generally conceded by all Religious historians, and commentators, that all Religions had their incipency in Fetichism. Tylor defines Fetichism as the doctrine of Spirits embodied in, attached to, or conveyed through certain material objects. So, no matter what your Religion may be it had Spirit manifestation as its origin.

If Spirit intercourse is impossible, why do Catholics hold communion with the saints? And by what law or natural hypothesis is that divine privilege delegated to only a few, self-chosen individuals? Let the thinkers think.

If you want to see an issue of the most fearless exponent of American liberties published in the U. S., send for a copy of "The Menace," Aurora, Missouri, a postal card will bring it.

If there is anything that belittles a person and shows up their hypocrisy, it is for them to eulogize their own purity of thought and action in public, when their actions plainly indicate the contrary. We believe that the old style of revival confession is far better, where they tell how wicked they have been, and how good they intend to be.

We often wonder how many people there are that really appreciate the wonderful achievements of Dr. Baraduct and Dr. DeRocha, the French savants, who have actually succeeded in procuring a photograph of the Spirit body of a human being; of photographing thought and drawing the mind out of its cranial habitation (mental ball as they call it), and not only dispatching it on missions of inquiry, but photographing it also; well might we marvel. A photographic plate in the hands of honest men will not lie and is indubitable evidence, so at last we know that man has a Spirit body as well as a physical; and that the Spirit body can withdraw itself from the physical. We do not know as the discovery means much to

orthodox religions, but it is one more scientific proof of the Spiritualistic philosophy; no scientist can make a discovery, and demonstrate it, without it harmonizes with the Religion of Spiritualism.

"The Hampton Magazine," for January, comes out with the thinnest and poorest excuse and explanation for Spirit phenomena that it has ever been our privilege (or disgust) to see in print, authentic cases of materialization, and apparitions are called hallucination, mental telepathy, etc., they speak very elaborately and learnedly about the Psychical Research Societies of various countries, mention such great men as Crooks, Wallace, Flammorian, Lodge, and others and for the benefit of their side of the question, very appropriately forget to mention the fact, that every one of those great men and many more of equal greatness, have openly avowed, that under the most strict scientific conditions they have held communications with the so-called dead. Why is it that the leading magazines and periodicals of our country are afraid to publish the whole truth about Spirit phenomena? Are they under ecclesiastic control?

We are living in a period when mankind is asserting and using that divine prerogative of the human mind, "reason," and the air is vibrant and filled with interrogations, among the most important is, by what law of mathematics, judgment, reason, or natural principles, can two, contradicting, antipodal beliefs both be a truth? For instance, we have one hundred and sixty different religious denominations in the U. S., with their beliefs and confessions of faith, many of them are antipodal, diametrically opposite. Catholics believe that the only route to eternal life and happiness is through the teachings and doctrines of that church, and nearly every other denomination puts forth the same claim, that their way is the only one; can they all be right? The Catholic Church teaches that in order to secure eternal life, one must become a communicant and partake of the sacrament, while a hundred other church doctrines deny that necessity,

and point out a different route to the same goal. Can they all be right?

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Does it not appear like one of those unexplainable freaks of nature, that men in this enlightened age, when science has made such wonderful discoveries, the laws of nature being so well understood and demonstrated in the various laboratories and observatories of the world, and when even the units of civilization have acquired a knowledge far in advance of any known period in the history of the world, can still conscientiously believe in the doctrine of transubstantiation, or consubstantiation, believe that any priest, or other ecclesiastic, can, by chanting a litany, or prayer, over a loaf of bread and a bottle of wine, at the holy Eucharist, transform that bread and wine into the actual blood and flesh of Jesus Christ, and it, the bread and wine, cease to exist as bread and wine? A mortal man! bound by the limitations of the physical body having such marvelous power; do you believe it? Is there a chemist, a scientist, a philosopher, or an advanced thinker in the world that believes it? Are you not bound in mental bondage to a priestly hierarchy, to pagan mythology? **Let the thinkers think.**

"GOD AND I ARE ONE."

O! Great Eternal Infinite,
The great unbounded whole,
Thy body is the universe
And Spirit is thy soul.

If thou dost fill immensity,
If thou art all in all,
If thou wert here before I was
I am not here at all.

How could I live outside of thee?
Dost thou fill earth and air?
There is surely no place for me
Outside of everywhere.

If thou art God, and thou dost fill,
Immensity of space,
Then I am God, think as you will,
Or else I have NO place.

And if I have no place at all,
Or if I am not here,
Banished I cannot be
For then I'd be somewhere.

Then I must be a part of God,
No matter if I'm small,
And if I am no part of it
There is no God at all.

SOCRATES' PHILOSOPHY.

"A conscious-thinking substance is Spirit.
The mind is a conscious-thinking substance.
Therefore the mind is Spirit.
A Spirit has no composition of parts.
The mind is Spirit,
The mind has no composition of parts.
That which has no composition of parts, is indissoluble.
The mind has no composition of parts.
Thus the mind is indissoluble.
That which is indissoluble is immortal.
The mind is indissoluble,
Therefore, the mind is immortal.

The exhibition of Spirit drawing, as shown by Mrs. Fields, wife of Geo. D. Fields, president of the Central Spiritualist Church, at the mid-winter jubilee of that church, is the topic of much conversation throughout the city, the general public do not appear to be able to account for her work, it is indeed wonderful, and one more demonstration of Spirit control.

The visits of the board of the state association to the various churches is productive of much good, the remarks of President Whitwell and others call the members and sympathizers to a fuller realization of their duty, and bring them closer in touch, one with the other.

The consolidation and uniting of the Spiritual Research Society with the First Spiritualist Church, under the charter of the latter, we believe is a step toward advancement that will be productive of much good to Spiritualism. While some of the members of the state board did not like to see the charter of the Research Society surrendered, still there is no denying the fact, that unity of action, concatenation of effort, harmonization of interests, and thorough organization are the fundamental principles that know no defeat, when will Spiritualists learn that fact?

The healing meetings of the First Spiritualist Church, held every Friday evening, are growing in proportions and interest; the wonderful demonstrations of Spirit Healing, by Dr. Chas. A. Russell, are the marvel of many that are being made happy by his magic touch, as health again shines on the horizon of their existence.

The Friday afternoon socials that are being held in the Masonic Temple for the benefit of the state association, by the mediums of the First Spiritualist Church, are being well attended and by a class of people that our mediums have a right to feel proud of, showing by their standing in society and otherwise, that all the people who are anxious to receive messages from their Spirit friends are not shallow-minded, silly know-nothings.

Let us suggest to all scoffers at the Spiritual philosophy and Spiritualism, that we shall be able to demonstrate that the relation the human holds to life beyond the grave, finds its premise and data in the immutable principles of the universe we live in, and this relationship could not be demonstrated unless infinitude was in its fundamental essences, **infinitely spiritual and infinitely co-related, and man himself a spiritual evolution.**—Lockwood.

The Founders' Day anniversary celebration of the Spiritualist Lyceum, held in St. Paul, under the auspices of the St. Paul Spiritualist Sun Flower Lyceum, on February 14th, was a grand success and well attended. Many of the little ones of the Progressive Lyceum of Minneapolis were in attendance, and many of the adult members of all the churches honored the children, and the good work, with their presence; and it was indeed a pleasure to see the efficient work of the proper training of the young minds by their various teachers. The adult class was presided over by President Whitwell, the grand words and golden truths that fell from his lips, and the remarks by the many participants, were so beautiful and uplifting that it made one feel proud to be a Spiritualist. The vast importance of lyceum

work is not, as yet, fully appreciated and understood, we feel like making a special appeal to the parents to try and have the children attend the lyceum, and encourage them by their own attendance.

Mrs. Anna Ebert, of 3237 Pleasant avenue south, is to be congratulated on her rapid development and unfolding in Spirit drawing, clairvoyance, clairaudience, etc., from the short time that she has been sitting for development the indications are, that she is destined to become one of our best workers.

Hon. Robert Dale Owen, one of America's greatest scientists said, "I began a scientific investigation of the phenomena termed 'Mediumistic' for the express purpose of proving it an illusion, but I soon found the evidence proved the opposite, and now the phenomena of Spiritualism is so fully demonstrated and proven as a truth in nature, that to deny it is not showing good judgment."

Mrs. Emma Peake, of 2820 39th avenue south, is holding a 10 cent social the last Tuesday afternoon of each month for the benefit of the First Spiritualist Church.

The Central Spiritualist Church is to be congratulated on having procured the services of Mrs. Bell Fuller, of Grand Rapids, Mich. She has been drawing large audiences at the Sunday evening meetings, and proving the truth of Spirit return to hundreds. And the Wednesday afternoon socials held in the basement of the Unitarian Church are overcrowded, they cannot accommodate the people, all anxious to receive a word of love from their departed ones.

Mrs. Amanda Johnson, of 212 3rd avenue southeast, has been introduced on the public rostrum of the First Spiritualist Church. Let us take off our hat to the new worker, she has done well.

At the last business meeting of the First Spiritualist Church, Mrs. Emma L. Skeels resigned as lyceum conductor of the progressive lyceum con-

nected with that church, and Miss Marguret Bowman was elected in her place. Miss Bowman is liked by all the children and is doing excellent work. Keep on, Marguret!

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A true investigator of any subject is one who holds TRUTH at inestimable value, and stands ready to sacrifice any previous opinion, or elaborate inductions, as soon as they are found to be erroneous. * * * Our education and knowledge are matters of unfoldment, and are always in harmony and accord with the environments and conditions under which we obtain our experience, experience being the only real teacher, therefore, your opinion and beliefs may be diametrically opposite to mine, each of us honest, conscientious, and truthful in our opinion; those opinions being the outgrowth of conditions and customs under which we have been reared and educated * * *

Among the Moslems, it is as great a sin for a woman to appear in public with her face exposed to view, as it would be for a woman to expose her entire person in public among us, and again in countries where the climate is such that clothing is not required, some people go entirely nude and think it no breach of etiquette. A Jew or a Buddhist thinks there is no greater sin than to eat swine flesh, while your conscience tells you there is no harm in it, so a Catholic's conscience tells him that it is wrong to eat meat on Fridays or during lent, while most Protestants know no difference and eat meat one time as well as another. * * * Polyandria, that is a woman having a plurality of husbands, is practiced in some countries, and polygamy in others, and those people believe it perfectly right, while you hold up your hands in horror at such a thing. Therefore let us be charitable at least, and remember that finite men cannot be perfect, and each and every one of us is no exception to the rule. * * *

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A true investigator of any subject is one who holds TRUTH at inestimable value, and stands ready to sacrifice any previous opinion, or elaborate inductions, as soon as they are found to be erroneous. * * * Our education and knowledge are matters of unfoldment, and are always in harmony and accord with the environments and conditions under which we obtain our experience, experience being the only real teacher, therefore, your opinion and beliefs may be diametrically opposite to mine, each of us honest, conscientious, and truthful in our opinion; those opinions being the outgrowth of conditions and customs under which we have been reared and educated * * *

Among the Moslems, it is as great a sin for a woman to appear in public with her face exposed to view, as it would be for a woman to expose her entire person in public among us, and again in countries where the climate is such that clothing is not required, some people go entirely nude and think it no breach of etiquette. A Jew or a Buddhist thinks there is no greater sin than to eat swine flesh, while your conscience tells you there is no harm in it, so a Catholic's conscience tells him that it is wrong to eat meat on Fridays or during lent, while most Protestants know no difference and eat meat one time as well as another. * * * Polyandria, that is a woman having a plurality of husbands, is practiced in some countries, and polygamy in others, and those people believe it perfectly right, while you hold up your hands in horror at such a thing. Therefore let us be charitable at least, and remember that finite men cannot be perfect, and each and every one of us is no exception to the rule. * * *

There is a theological sect or two that believe in the resurrection of the physical body, and nearly all orthodox religions believe in the physical resurrection of Jesus Christ. * * *

Resurrection means a rising again, a springing again into life or vitality. Viewing that definition all organic life is a resurrection. If we analyze the soil from which all vegetable life springs, we find that the only elements contained therein from which nutrition, or sustenance, could be obtained is decomposed organic matter. * * * Such being the case, the physical in both animal and vegetable is a resurrection. * * *

If we could but raise the curtain of the dark and misty past, and view this mighty globe when it was in a heated condition, the dark and dense atmosphere surrounding it, the infusoria on and in the heated waters, the plasmatic and bio-plasmatic life forming into a vegetable matter and creeping forth, spreading over the rocky surface of the land, dying, decomposing, mixing with the gravel and marl, forming a soil from which was resurrected and vitalized a new and higher form of life, the fluids of that vegetable matter, arising in the atmosphere, and a thousand times condensing and falling again in dews and gentle showers to be again absorbed and used in the resurrection of new forms, until, "Fern and pine, herb, fruit and flower, Bedecked the scene, like Eden's fabled bower."

Then the lower forms of animal life making their appearance, gaining their sustenance, building their bodies, out of the very elements that had composed the vegetable, and again they died, and their bodies assisted to enrich the soil, bringing forth higher and more perfect forms of both animal and vegetable matter, until by and through the slow and tedious law of evolution they reached the exalted form of man; man having gained his existence through the same process as all other forms of organic life, his physical body decomposes the same as all other bodies and lends their aid in enriching the soil. * * *

Now think of the general resurrection of the physical body, when untold millions of bodies shall be called from their beds of dust, among them the martyrs, whose bodies have been burned to ashes, the ashes scattered to the four winds of heaven by their persecutors to prevent their resurrection, thus their ashes have fattened the soil, as our southern battle fields

were enriched by the flesh, blood and bones of the poor soldiers, this soil has produced vegetation which has been eaten by the cattle upon a thousand hills, those cattle made fat upon that which was once flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone, have in their turn been slain and eaten and gone into our bodies, have borne fruits and cereals that have also been eaten by men, the fluids that have composed their bodies have risen many times in the atmosphere, condensing, falling in dews and showers, washing the banks of the rivers and being drunk by man and beast. While the very elements that entered into the composition of their bodies have been eaten by man and beast, where were their souls during that time? Who is going to claim those elements at the resurrection?

Yes, you say, but God will make physical bodies out of the dust of the earth.

Let us see if He can. We find some statistics in Moses Hull's "Question Settled," which are very valuable to give us some idea in regard to that, I find there that it is asserted by scientific writers that the number of persons that have existed on this globe is nearly 37 quintillion, an amount that is utterly incomprehensible to the human mind, but if that number be reduced to smaller numbers, by reducing all the TERRA FIRMA on the globe to square rods, and dividing 37 quintillion by that number, we find that there has existed 1,283 human beings for every square rod of dry land on the earth, one square rod being only sufficient to accommodate about ten graves with each grave containing 128 persons, therefore this earth has been dug over 128 times to bury its dead, by that it will be seen that there is not dirt enough in the world to rebuild all the bodies that have existed, let alone the millions upon millions that will still exist before the Resurrection day; but some may claim that God will turn the entire globe into physical bodies, which is about as reasonable as many of the religious doctrines, or many of the myths contained in the religious literature to-day.

But there are many theologians who do not believe in the resurrection of the physical body that do believe Jesus was physically resurrected, and

hold it to be a Bible statement and therefore a truth. Let us examine into the proposition.

Jesus gave two tests by which to try those born of the Spirit: First, "That which is born of the flesh, is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit."

Second, "They who are born of the Spirit, like the wind, go and come, and you cannot tell from whence they come, or whither they go." Now let us apply those rules to Jesus after His resurrection. The various appearances of Jesus is enough to convince an honest observer that He did not bring His flesh up from the grave. Had His flesh been made alive, He would have been seen by the whole Jewish nation, and thus they would have been convinced of life and immortality, but He was not seen by all.

Peter says: "Him God raised up on the third day, and showed him openly; not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before God, even to us who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead." Acts X:40-41.

After that He appeared in another form unto two of them as they walked into the country. Mark XVI:12.

Physical bodies do not change their forms like this text represents. Again, And it came to pass, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them, but their eyes were holden that they might not know him, and he said unto them, what manner of communications are these that ye have one with the other, as ye walk and are sad? Luke XXIV:12.

Again, "And it came to pass as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them, and their eyes were opened, and they knew him and he vanished from their sight." Mark XVI:30-31.

There we have a record of Jesus fading, vanishing, out of their sight. Physical bodies do not fade, or vanish in that manner. But Jesus in his Spirit body, as He said, you cannot tell from where they come or whither they go, and this very text proves that He had risen in a Spirit body.

And again the disciples returned to Jerusalem, they were all gathered together in a room and were talking about having seen Jesus, and this is the text: "And they told what things

were done in the way, and how he was known of them by breaking bread. And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and said unto them, Peace be unto you." Luke XXIV:36.

If Jesus had a physical body how did He get into the room? and how did He vanish from their sight?

Jesus was a man, the same as men of today, born under the same law, lived the same as men of today, He ate, drank, grew weary, slept, and when He was crucified His body passed into decomposition the same as all other bodies and helped to fertilize the gardens and olive groves of Jerusalem. As St. Paul so truly said He had a physical body and a Spirit body, and when He died His Spirit body passed on into eternal life, where it is still progressing, and His tender heart is forever drawing His sympathy and love toward the children of earth.

How beautiful appear those passages of scripture when one has outgrown the prejudice, and erroneous idea of a physical resurrection which is contrary to every known law and principle of nature, and is capable of examining into things with a clear vision and Spiritual perception. The true Spiritual nature and high moral character of Jesus has had a mighty influence over the children of men for many centuries.

If in speaking of the resurrection you mean the resurrection of the soul of man, there is no such thing, it cannot rise again, because it is never down, it cannot be revitalized, because it is vitality, PER SE. The Spirit, the soul in man, is a portion of the active working force, or principle that forms the basic hypothesis of the universe, it cannot cease action for the smallest fractional period of time, if so the laws of the infinite would not be perfect, and chaos would reign, globes, orbs, and solar systems could not retain their positions, and destruction would be the order of the day.

Even while you sleep your Spirit, your mind, is ever active. So when you are passing through the change called death, the Spirit does not cease to be active, but a dissolution takes place between the Spirit and the physical. It is the re-birth spoken of by Jesus, born again into Spirit life. How can the soul sleep? Where does

it sleep? We know that the body disintegrates, it cannot remain there. All nature points to the absurdity of a physical resurrection. * * *

We might point to the case of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, as mentioned by Dr. Peebles in one of his works. The Rev. J. H. McCarthy, writing recently relative to the importance of erecting a suitable monument over the place where their bodies were interred, says: "On digging down into the charnel house it was found that everything had passed into oblivion. The shape of the coffins could be traced only by a black line of carbonaceous matter the thickness of the sides of the coffins, with their ends distinctly defined. The rusty remains of the hinges and nails and a few fragments of wood, and a single round knot, was all that could be gathered from his grave. In his wife's grave there was not a trace of anything save a single lock of braided hair which had survived the lapse of more than 180 years.

"Near the grave stood a venerable apple tree, by whom planted is not known. The tree had sent two of its main roots into the graves of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, the larger root had pushed its way through the ground until it reached the exact spot occupied by the skull of Mr. Williams and there making a turn as though going around the skull, it followed the direction of the back bone to the hips, here it divided into two branches, sending one along each leg to the heel, where they both turned upwards toward the toes. One of these roots formed a slight crook at the knee, which makes the whole bear a very close resemblance to the human form. There were the graves, empty of every particle of human dust! not a trace of anything left."

Every particle of Mr. and Mrs. Williams gone, eaten up by the apple tree, whose fruit was again assimilated by man to form a part of their bodies.

In certain islands of the ocean, savages termed cannibals, kill their enemies, devour their flesh, drink their blood; whole ships crews of Christian men have been eaten by them, so that the same earthly materials form the component part of two or more individualized beings. Which is to be astasized?

Where Bonaparte fought his most

sanguine battles, waved the next season golden grain, the harvest was unusually luxuriant, because blood and muscle had enriched the soil, grain that was eaten by men, grain that fattened cattle that were in their turn assimilated by men, to whom will those life materials belong at the resurrection?

When we draw a comparison between the doctrine of physical resurrection, and a true doctrine of Spiritual birth into higher life, how quickly our inner sense harmonizes the truth with our highest ideals, how beautifully it harmonizes with every known law of nature in its innumerable avenues of the phenomenal working of her formative energies. The soul of man! Life, Spirit, Force, ever active, cannot slumber or remain dormant; working ever under the eternal laws of progress, unfolding every moment of time, ever reaching out for something higher, grander, more beautiful, coming ever closer in touch with the Master, the Infinite, the Divine. * * *

REMINISCENCE OF THE PAST, AND EXPERIENCES IN THE SPIRIT WORLD, BY "SPIRIT" CHARLES STANLEY, GIVEN THROUGH THE MEDIUMSHIP OF A WELL KNOWN MEDIUM.

One of the greatest speculative themes that has always filled the human mind, is what condition awaits man after the change called death, if he continues to exist at all.

That question has never been satisfactorily answered, until the last decade, or if it has ever been, we have no satisfying evidence of it; true, we have records that claim to answer the question. We have the history of men that have lived in former ages that have proclaimed the truth of man's future existence, but all historical records bearing on that point are obscure, mystifying, misleading, and unauthenticated, in fact all history until a recent date is more or less unreliable. The cause is obvious, when we take into consideration the conditions that prevailed, the unperfected facilities, both in writing and printing, the tedious labor entailed, the vast amount of time necessarily expended, even to acquire sufficient education to read and write, the difficulty experi-

enced in procuring the necessary material, until a very conservative estimate would be that not one person in ten thousand but what was absolutely illiterate.

Even the great and good Nazarene is not reported to have written anything, except in the sand with His finger.

And again, the unperfected condition of the letters, which were scarcely better than the hieroglyphics of prehistoric man, no punctuation, no division into words or sentences, making it next to impossible to correctly interpret what the writer had intended to convey. The writing was an extended line of symbols across the paper, or parchment, on which it was written.

There being no concise or universal system among the nations, or tribes, each one in recording an historical event, did it more or less in his own peculiar style, using his own symbols or letters, if they might be so termed.

One coming in contact with such a manuscript, and endeavoring to interpret or decipher it, being unable to always get the full meaning of the author, does it not stand to reason, is it not in accord with human nature that the interpreter, or translator, would fill in according to his own ideas and idiosyncracies, thereby probably changing the important meaning of the message?

The historical records that have been handed down to us have been translated, and retranslated, and all religious records and those pertaining to man's future existence, have been revised and re-revised, pointed off into words, paragraphs, sentences and chapters, until the original authors could never recognize them as their own production.

And again all the literature pertaining to religion is of the most suspicious origin, and is the least reliable.

We have no record of any nation calling together, and convening council after council to revise its history, selecting and keeping whatever suited them and discarding the balance. But such has ever been the case with sacred and religious literature.

It is one of the traits of human character to be more or less biased by self interest and prejudice, and if we notice that trait so abundantly exemplified around us today, it is no breach of

trust, or treason, to logically conclude that it existed in former days, and probably to a greater extent.

Taking into consideration the foregoing facts, we need only to apply them to one of the numerous councils that have been convened to revise our sacred literature, to see that the records are unreliable, misleading, and unauthentic.

For that purpose let us select the council of Nice, which was convened by Constantine, 325 A. D. (Constantine himself a full fledged Pagan Idol worshipper). The primary motive for calling together 2,048 bishops, priests and learned men was to settle the dispute between Arius, and Alexander the Bishop of Alexandria, relative to the divinity of Jesus Christ; Arius claiming that Jesus was a man the same as other men, liable to error, but divine on account of His spiritual nature and taught the Christ principle, while Alexander claimed that Jesus was consubstantial with God, was God.

At that council there was submitted for the consideration of the 2,048 delegates, 50 gospels with which to settle the "Deity" of Jesus and select the canon of scripture.

The first method of determining which books were to go into the canon was to place them under the communion table and wait for them to jump upon the table, which resulted in mockery and a general quarrel. Then they decided to put the books to vote, but that only increased the differences and the disputes "waxed hot," then they turned against Arius and deported him, and condemned his followers, still the differences of opinions continued and no selections could be made.

Constantine then acting as moderator began to dismiss the delegates until he reduced the number to 318; the records of that noted council shows that those 318 celebrants became intoxicated, quarreled, and fought over the selection of a proper canon. Finally four gospels out of the 50 was selected and canonized as infallible and true, that of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, that of Luke receiving a majority of one vote only.

That noted council formulated a new liturgy for the Roman Catholic church, so if we take those four gospels and submit them to a number of subse-

quent councils, finally to that far famed council of Trent, which convened in 1547 and lasted until 1565 (that council again revised the liturgy of the Roman Catholic church), and again to the King James revision and translation in 1611 A. D., we have the history of Jesus together with the balance of the religious history of the Christian faith and all they know about the future existence of man; no part of the Christian faith ever having been submitted to a scientific analysis or proof, but those unauthenticated gospels, inconsistent translations and revisions, have been looked upon as final and thus impeded the onward march of human progress.

So, as stated in the beginning, there is no historical evidence that appeals to the thinking, analytical mind, until the last decade, when the moral nature of man was submitted to an analysis, and a harmonial philosophy of man's Spiritual nature was given to the world by Andrew Jackson Davis. The truth of his philosophy was demonstrated and verified by the opening up of communications between the two worlds, visible and invisible, in 1848 by what is known as the Rochester rappings, and the introduction of modern Spiritualism.

During the last 64 years, so vast, so painstaking, so critical has been the research into this alleged communication between the two worlds, until at the present time its authenticity is beyond denial. Millions of organisms have become so sensitized that they have felt the subtle vibrations of Spirit intercourse until a new world is dawning on the horizon of man's mentality, the regal splendor of heaven's vast domain, and the possibilities of the human soul are just beginning to be recognized.

Humanity seems to be slow to awaken to a recognition of the fact that 39 of the leading scientists of the world have affirmed the truth of intercommunication between the worlds. So abundant is the evidence and so easily obtainable, that all those doubting its truth may verify it to their own satisfaction that I here only make the statement, that through the beneficence of nature's divine economy I am permitted to relate, in part at least, my experience in Spirit life and my transition.

All the time that I could spare from the necessary duties of an active life here on the earth plane was consumed in a study of man's Spiritual nature and the possible conditions that obtain in a future state of existence. I readily recognized that man was the highest production of nature's cosmic art, and what is it that makes him so? It is not his physical form, for there are many forms of animal life that exhibit more beauty, it is not the graceful curves and harmonious undulations of his anatomy that make him the finest piece of chiseled sculpture in the spacious academy of nature, but it is the potentialized emanations of his soul that shines forth in regal splendor from the sparkling eyes, and the open countenance denoting an intelligence that is lacking in all other productions, or phenomena of nature. That exhibition of Spirituality, that broad scope and possibilities of the mind shows him to be connected with some sphere, or plan of nature outside the physical.

Resting assured upon those inductions I calmly awaited my transition, with a confident feeling that I should awaken to a reality of continued life and new fields of activities and extended possibilities.

Not being able to fully comprehend the *MODUS OPERANDI* whereby such things were possible, still it did not appear as wonderful to me as the perfect dispensation of the dynamic energy displayed in the worlds that lay beyond worlds, and solar systems blending into solar systems; and as the end of my earthly existence approached a perfect calm seemed to settle over my entire being, and I resigned myself to the inevitable.

Never losing consciousness for a moment, the physical and material conditions commenced to fade from my sight, like the prismatic hues of the rainbow fading into an oceanic love. Then my sense perception seemed to open up with renewed brilliancy, an exalted feeling of ecstasy, ease, comfort and certainty settled over my entire being as I recognized that death was one of nature's holiest gifts to man. Then as I awoke to a fuller recognition of my condition, I became aware that I was surrounded by a number of friends and relatives that had experienced the change called death long years before.

The lexicon of the English language is not sufficiently complete for me to convey to you even in a limited sense the alternate feelings that surged with such rapidity through every avenue of my being. My whole mind was filled with a burning desire to let the friends that I was leaving know my condition and the truth in regard to the change called death.

But I at once saw that between them and me there was an intervening chasm, the product of ignorance, superstition, and erroneous teachings that must be bridged before it would be possible for me to reach them and communicate the glad news that I still lived, so with a blessing on them I turned to my new found friends.

As I turned from the scenes of my earth conditions and environments, the marvelous change, the naturalness of it, my continued consciousness all combined to fill my soul with an avalanche of mixed sensations that so bewildered me that I resigned myself to the protection of the Spirit friends with the simplicity and confidence of a new born child.

To acquire familiarity and understanding of my new conditions I soon found necessitated observation and experience; while everything appeared natural, it was in reality a soul world. I mean by that one comes in touch with the soul of things, in place of the outer expression and manifestation of the soul as in earth life; instead of mind, and mentality being subjective and expressing through the physical, the mind becomes the objective and the real, conditions and environments are mental realities, not clothed in an outward expression that may be misleading and deceitful, but are at once recognized as they are PER SE showing all blemishes and imperfections, as well as all beauties and perfections.

I only wish it was possible for me to make you fully comprehend the truth of that statement. There is not one person in ten thousand but what if all their thoughts and actions were subjected to the scrutiny of a multitude of people they would blush with shame and be filled with mental torture, and at the same time that is the exact condition that awaits them on their introduction into this world of mental realities.

While the soul germ itself is a differentiated spark from that great vortex of universal Spirit called God, its growth, development, power, and beauties depend entirely upon the actions and life of the individual, just the same as does the growth of the physical body, only in a more marked degree. If we live in accordance with nature, partaking of the necessary foods, exercise, recreation, leading the proper lives, etc., we develop a perfect physical body, if not, we suffer the consequences of our transgressions in innumerable ways.

The same with the Spirit body or soul, if we live in accordance with nature's requirements we develop a perfect soul or Spirit body, the condition of the mind denotes the growth and development of the Spirit. All our thoughts, actions, and deeds are stored in the mind and become an inseparable part of our Spirit. If they are wholesome, good, Spiritual, uplifting, kind, etc., we become a perfectly developed Spirit being and so enter the Spirit world. If, on the other hand, we are unkind, selfish, and immoral those conditions are registered on the sensitive wax of our soul; blemishing, scarring, deforming that very portion of us that passes on to the world of realities, and we stand before the multitude either in one condition or the other, with all the causes plainly exhibited to the view of the denizen of a world far superior to our earthly associates, thereby placing us in a state of mental torture or extreme happiness in proportion and ratio to the life we have lived.

Under the law of harmony we gravitate to the conditions that are in sympathy and accord with our state of Spiritual development. I found that the various avenues of activity and work were the only way I could atone for, and get forgiveness of the consequences of my transgressions, the balm that was necessary to heal the wounds in my soul was procurable only by hard work, noble deeds and high aspirations, ministering to the needy, and endeavoring to gain an influence over any and all whom I could reach that I saw was doing wrong or needed help.

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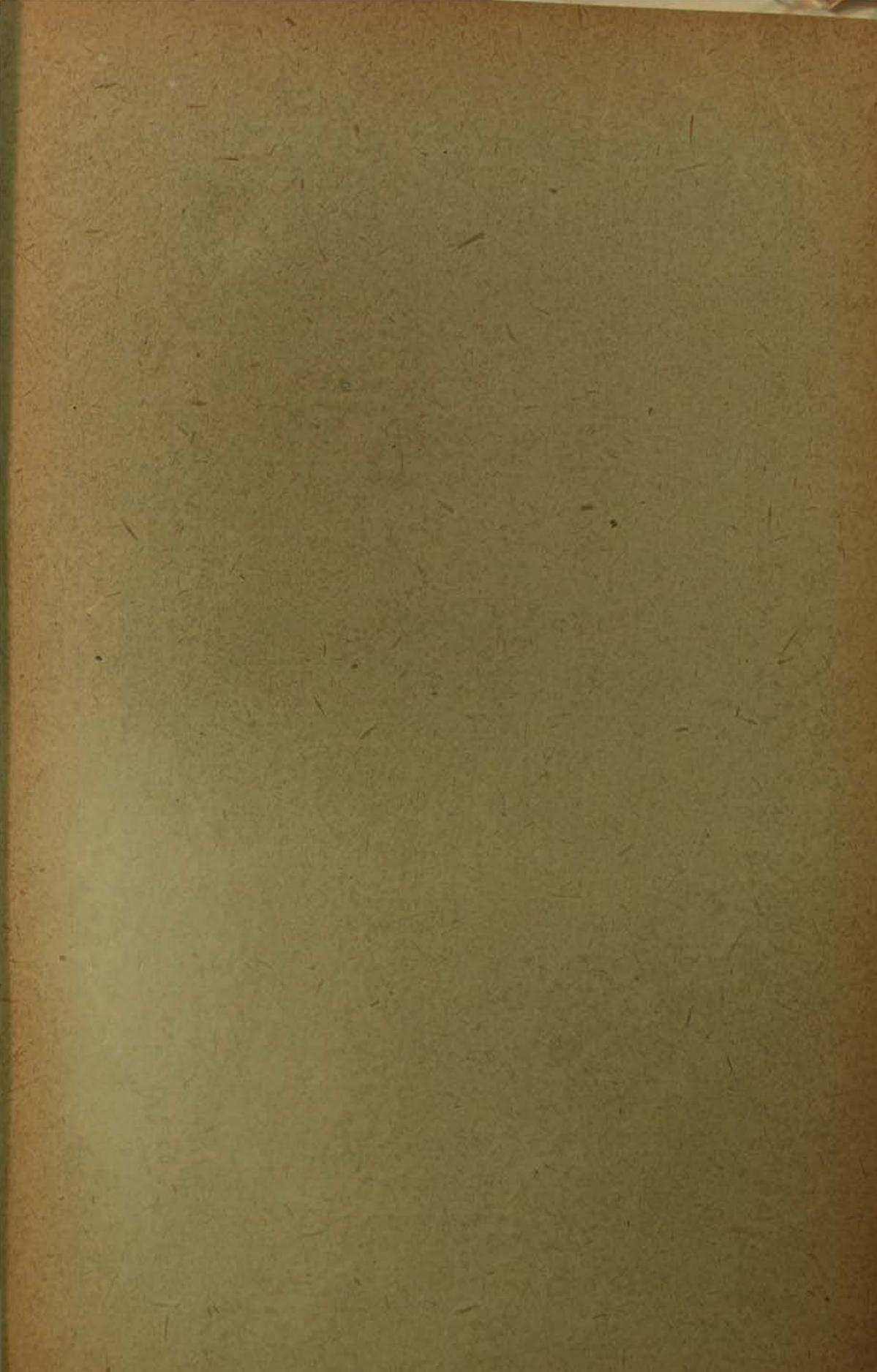
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