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THE ROSTRUM.

On Sunday, Nov. 17th, Mr. Brooks spoke in the morning and evening, and in all probability would have had a much larger audience on each occasion if it had not been for the down pouring rain, which has been one continuous flood of descending water since his advent among us. His lectures have been able and eloquent, and he has worked early and late for the benefit of the Union Spiritualists and the cause in general. Below will be found a brief synopsis of the

love may bring avarice and animal appetites to us, but in its highest and noblest significance it brings to us a nobler and fuller spiritual unfoldment; a broader usefulness for our fellow men, and a closer approach to the divine in nature. The speaker carried his thought out in a most beautiful manner, touching upon nearly every phase of love, speaking among other things of that grandest of all loves, the mother's for her child, and it was this same love in another form of manifestation that bound the worlds together in their places and made man the glorious being that he was and would be in the ages to come. He compared the religious creeds of the past with the broader thought of today as expressed in Modern Spiritualism, and said that type of love which was expressed in some of them, in saving only those of their own special form of belief, was selfishness gone to seed, and what the world needed most of all was a belief, a knowledge based upon a foundation of love, broad enough and deep enough to include every human soul in its grasp. Not merely to save one poor little remnant of humanity, but to bring within the fold of that mighty universal that was breathed through all nature from the lowest to the highest, and in Modern Spiritualism men had the germ of such a knowledge; one that turned sorrow into joy, tears to laughter and made every man a king among kings, among his fellows, and enabled all to grasp that peace that was past all understanding, that could be neither bought nor sold. At the close of the lecture Mr. Brooks gave a number of psychometric readings, which were recognized by the parties read as being correct. At the

thrown around them of association and prenatal conditions, and men and women were wicked because also of a lack of spirituality, of a broader conception of the holiness of life and life's duties were not comprehended by them. What Spiritualists believed of this class of people when they passed away in this condition of undevelopment, was that they were born into the realm of spirit much as they left this world with same undeveloped and perverted appetites and methods of thought, and that they remained in this condition for some time or less time according to their desire and capability of growing out of such conditions. They had the power to grow beyond such conditions if they so desired, and in fact by the universal law of love they were naturally impelled in an onward and upward tendency of growth. The guide went on to speak of changes that needed to be wrought in our methods of viewing this subject, among other things saying that people wanted to bring a little more common sense to bear upon this subject. In the above the exact language has not been followed, but a synopsis has been given containing the substance of all that was essential to the lecture. The lecture was an interesting one and well handled. The guide said in conclusion that it was the duty of every man and woman to live for the fulfillment of the highest ideal of truth and purity that they were able to grasp and understand. The lecture was followed as in the morning by psychometric readings, which were recognized as being absolutely correct in every instance. Below will be found a synopsis of the lectures of Sunday, Nov. 21st, which was Mr. Brooks' last Sunday among us. They were fine, as usual. The

past to organize Spiritualism, but they had all failed from the fact of their being merely copies of old credal and ecclesiastical forms of organization. What was needed was not any creed or church, but a business organization run on business principles. He did not think that any creed could ever be formulated which would be short enough and yet comprehensive enough to unite all the various and incongruous elements that made up the great body of Modern Spiritualists, for there was no other system of belief in the world which had so many classes of minds within it, and yet kept steadily marching forward in the work of progress of uplifting humanity and making better men and women. Though separated by lines of thought widely variant, the Christian Spiritualist all worked with one common purpose, that of establishing the fact of spirit communion and demonstrating the continuity of life beyond the grave. This it was that bound seemingly discordant elements together and enabled men and women who were at utter variance on all other questions to work hand in hand. A creed was as useless in Spiritualism as a fifth wheel to a wagon, although one had recently been formulated with only forty-nine words—almost as bad as the Forty-nine Articles of Episcopalianism. Any attempt at fettering the spirit world with a man-made creed was tantamount to the organization for business purposes, for simply providing funds for the systematic employment of lecturers and mediums, was destined to prove the most effectual. The time was coming, yes, was near at hand when in every town, city and village, there would be a local society, independent of all others, in its organization and yet all working together for the advance of Spiritualism. Organize on business principles to spread books, papers, tracts, spiritual literature in every shape and form and organize a publication house that shall be to Spiritualism what their book concerns are to the older denominations—means of disseminating the written beauties and truths of our philosophy. Organize to protect your mediums from untoward influences, to place them above the temptation to commit fraud for the sake of the almighty dollar, but do not fossilize around any creed or form of words. Do your own thinking in the future as in the past. That is what you are here for. That is why you were given reason and judgment, and that is why you should guard well against fossilization in old or new credal lines. Modern Spiritualism is the religion—if you choose to use that word, although it has been badly misused—of self-thought that encourages independence of mind and has no popes, no cardinals or priests, bishops or presiding elders to say, "This shalt thou do or be damned," but places every man on his own merits to stand or fall thereby. That organization will be most successful which will work to spread the facts of spirit communion and continuity of life beyond the grave, regardless of any difference upon doctrinal points, and that excludes all dogmatizing from its contents. In conclusion, the guide said that the day was near at hand when some such organization would step to the front and Modern Spiritualism would receive such a forward impetus as had never before come to it through any other means. In the meantime let all work for the upbuilding of the grandest philosophy ever given to man and go onward and upward with the consciousness that in this truth we were free indeed.

There had been many attempts in the

Why is it so many Spiritualists, and those high up in the ranks, too, write and speak so discouragingly about persons sitting for development, and also in regard to physical phenomena, such as rappings, table-tippings, etc. Some speakers and writers are always prating and writing about the "beautiful philosophy," and at the same time trying their best to discourage the physical phases upon which this philosophy is based. It reminds me of the man in the fable who, with crow-bar was trying to dig the foundation from under his house, because it did not look so grand and imposing as the superstructure and finally toppled it over on his own head. If we do away with the physical phenomena, and develop no more mediums for fear that "their individuality will be destroyed," or that they will become obsessed, what will we have in a few years more than the churches? Nothing. If these persons, who are such great lovers of the "beautiful philosophy," (and it is a beautiful philosophy) have learned all they want to learn from the sensuous phenomena, why cannot they tread the higher paths and leave the physical plane for those who are to follow instead; of trying to destroy the bridges along the road they have come, just because they themselves do not need them any more—or slamming the doors in the faces of their spirit friends, as much as to say "Go back from whence you came; we have no more need of you. The physical phenomena is the foundation upon which the beautiful temple of Spiritualism rests, and is just as necessary, though perhaps not quite so grand as the philosophy itself. There are thousands 'o' day outside of the churches who think and reason for themselves, and whom no philosophy, however beautiful could bring within the fold. But if they can be induced to attend a seance, and there the name of a beloved parent or grandparent who died in the "old country," perhaps forty or fifty years ago, is slowly but surely spelt out by raps on the table, or by having the table tip over in their laps, they go home "all shaken up," and with wife and children around their own table, where there is no possibility of deception, try it for themselves. And when the raps occur under such circumstances, and they receive loving messages from those they suppose to be gone to "some bourne from which no traveler is expected to return," they cannot help believing. Then, and not till then, are they ready and willing to learn of the beautiful philosophy of Spiritualism. If a beautiful philosophy alone would catch them the churches would have had them long ago. The days of fairs and their fraudulent shows are about over, and the angels will take care of the home circles, and the developing mediums. The "commercial" mediums ("C") will soon, and are even now turning their attention to the higher phases of mediumship, and will probably try to simulate the trance condition. It would be scarcely fair, even if we could close the door against our spirit friends—those messengers who daily and hourly visit thousands of homes all over this broad land, bringing comfort and consolation to the stricken ones of earth—or to hinder their physical mediums from acting for them, for fear they may "lose their individuality, or become obsessed." But, my friends, you cannot shut the door, nor hinder the rap. Ye cannot hinder God. Each individual must build his or her own spiritual temple with the help of angel friends, and let us not continually throw obstructions in their way by speaking or writing against this phase of Spiritualism. All the different phases go to make up the grand temple, and it would be incomplete without either of them. Let us try to help and build up, and not to tear down and destroy. God and the angels have this great movement in their own hands, and if we will only weed out the fairs and frauds, they will take care of the phenomena and the developing mediums. Cuba, Mo.

Written for The Better Way. THE YOUNG CHRISTIAN'S ENDEAVOR SOCIETY.

In a certain enterprising village, which boasted of their churches, all leading different ways to heaven, the young people formed an "Endeavor Society, taking in the neutral strip of territory, a kind of "No-man's land," where all denominations can meet in fellowship.

Is it not admitted by the best critics that not a single passage in the Old Testament refers to Jesus?

How do you reconcile the contradiction of his genealogy between Matthew and Luke?

Do you believe his conception miraculously?

Was not every moral maxim in the Sermon on the Mount well known before the time of Jesus?

Golden Rule taught by Pythagoras in Greece, and by Confucius in China, almost 600 years before the time of Jesus?

It is said at the wedding at Cana he converted six vessels, of three firkins each, or 945 gallons (only thirty barrels) of water into wine.

When Jesus died graves were opened and dead walked into the city. What became of these resurrected persons, and were they compelled to undergo the pangs of a second death?

If all the miracles occurred as recorded, is it not anomalous that the Jews were not convinced?

If the miracles were for the purpose of their conversion, as scarcely a Jew believed, were they not failures?

Written for The Better Way. GONE BEFORE.

Not far away, yet out of sight, As if the curtain of the night Had only dropped between;

Not far away, and yet, so far, When gazing on the evening star, That beams o'er western hills;

Not far away, yet cannot hear, The words that once brought hope and cheer;

Not far away, but gone before, And stand within the open door,

Through which the light still gleams, Whose shadowy forms, with footsteps light,

Although our hand no longer feels Their press—no lips, love's compact seals;

Not long, perhaps, a few more years, Then meet beyond the gate.

Written for The Better Way. THE CAUSE AND CURE OF EVIL.

While I believe in absolute good and "what ever is, is right" being true to the cause that produced it, I also believe in relative evil.

The universal belief of to day makes man a criminal in open rebellion against God (nature). God is angry with the man he has fathered, the parent angry with the child, and the child's only chance of peace and happiness lies in successfully affecting a reconciliation.

The God that had been worshipped in all the past was only a great overgrown man, with all his passions, weaknesses and jealousies.

There is not half the amount of relative evil existing that has been taught, and there is no positive evil whatever.

We have no more right to harshly deal with the morally deformed than we have with the physically disabled.

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To the Editor of The Better Way. LIFE AND THOUGHT.

In these two words there is a wonderful significance and expression of force. The very atmosphere around us, teeming with life—not only the tiny insects, too minute to be seen by the physical eye, but there are myriads of beings hovering around whose faces may be seen by those whose spiritual eyes are unfolded so as to meet the gaze of those earth-bound souls and the loved ones who are ever near and around us to try and shield and protect their mortal loved ones on earth, and impregnating upon the brain of sensitive beings.

Development should be from within to be of the higher or spiritual nature, but at the same time the physical or exterior of man must be by no means neglected if you desire a truly harmonious development.

Development has many and varied phases of application to the human life and we might discuss each one a thousand years and still be no nearer the end than when we began, for each hour of man's existence unfolds a myriad possibilities of action and thought.

These thoughts have been suggested to my mind or impregnated upon my brain from experiences of my own.

Again, some one says what of the continuity of this life force and thought, and one hears varied expressions in regard to these ideas, according to the experience and observations of different ones through whom these ideas come.

There is a demonstrated fact in nature extreme care must be used in the selection and unfoldment of the instruments upon whom we are dependent in our present stage of progress, for the blessed knowledge that our loved ones are not dead, but are living and climbing to loftier and grander heights of knowledge and love out there in nature and can and do commune with us; that they are not dwelling away off in a golden-paved and jewel-gated city, nor suffering untold anguish in the flaming depths of a literal hell, because of an acceptance or non-acceptance of salvation through the atoning blood of a mythical Christ.

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Written for The Better Way. MOTHER IS THAT YOU?

Mother, Mother! Is that you talking through the trumpet? Yes, my son, where have you been all these long years? Much of the time I have been right with you.

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Builders. Ob, what are you building, my brother, As the years of life go by?

OVER THE HOUSETOPS.

BY ALICE C. MALBY, M. D. Article II.

You remember that I left you just at the foot of the stairs the other night.

I stepped out and walked up the street to Lincoln Park. I get off at this street every night.

A lady came through this park with me one night at about this hour, and she said: "Do you know it would be indiscreet,

Many pass me as I walk along but they are hampered bound as I am: men and boys, with here and there a woman.

Over on the island all is dark, and the tall trees outlined against the sky reveal, on their leafless branches, the proud peacocks winging like huge hanging baskets

Sometimes, when the moon is up, there hangs a crown of gems upon its crest, and long strings of pearls seem to weave strange lake patterns all over it;

I turn and leave the fountain and walk on towards the northern gate. I feel saddened, too, as I look at the old manhood that stands, dark and gloomy, just across the way.

came a wife's, and sleeps its last sleep in a grave I've never seen. The parting at that fountain was where our life paths separated.

To-day the sun is shining, and from my window I can see the pointed turrets of the college where we both studied the higher branches of an education that was to be a greater boon to me, at least in this world, than it ever was to her.

No matter how lowly your station, No matter how little you hold Of the chief of the world's call treasures,

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FORCES OF DISCORD.

The theory of the ancient Greeks that every one had his demons or guardian spirits is true. Everyone is accompanied by a band of good and evil influences, and these influences affect or act on him mostly through other people through whom they are manifested.

People who are puffed up with self-conceit, and who live principally to magnify themselves at the expense of other people, always attract a band of demoniac influences to themselves, and they invariably attribute them to the parties they injure.

These demoniac influences often act upon the minds of good people by creating wrong suspicions and distrust, thus separating friends and lovers, and working heart-burnings and incalculable injury.

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all the wealth of the earth and to enslave and starve those who are poor. Its intellectual and spiritual manifestation is in opionativness and self conceit, or a desire to monopolize the credit of all knowledge and truth, and do these latter out to other people as authoritative dogmas which they must swallow or be damned;

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Wise Sayings. Three things to love—Courage, gentleness, affection. Three things to admire—Intellectual power, purity, reverence. Three things to practice—Religion, self-denial, justice.

Three things to avoid—Idleness, bad company, intemperance. Three things to be prepared for—Disappointment, decay, death.

Six Comets Prowling About. Dr. Lewis Swift, director of the Warner Observatory, discovered another telescopic comet, which he verified by motion. It is in the field with XI. Pegasus; right ascension, 22 hours 42 minutes and 25 seconds; declination north, 11 degrees 50 minutes.

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Life has its fixed course, and nature one unvarying way; each age has assigned to it what best suits it, so that the fickleness of boyhood, the sanguine temper of youth, the soberness of riper years and the maturity of old age, equally have something in harmony with nature which ought to be made availing in its season.—Cicero.

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RESPONDENTS

The First Alliance of Progressive Thought met at Clark's Hall Sunday p. m. as usual, and where they will continue to meet for the future.

Mediums cannot exist without money any more than preachers can, but most of them live on much less.

We have had Mrs. D. Thomas with us for a few weeks, but she has returned to her home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Toledo, O. The First Alliance of Progressive Thought met at Clark's Hall Sunday p. m. as usual, and where they will continue to meet for the future.

Chicago, Ill. Every seat at the Chicago Harmonical Society of Spiritualists was occupied the last Sunday evening in our cozy and beautiful hall at 92 South Peoria Street.

Anderson, Ind. David Kilgore writes that the Spiritualist Society there, which meet at Westfield's Hall, has been enjoying some fine talent for almost two years without intermission.

Bochester, Ind. Opera Hall was fairly crowded last Wednesday evening, November 27th, to hear Miss Emma J. Nickerson's second lecture on Spiritualism.

Boston, Mass. The meeting of the Independent Club Tuesday evening, November 27th, was well attended, opening with brief remarks by the chairman.

Catarrh. One of the most aggravating evils that torments the human system is undoubtedly catarrh. Those who have been troubled with it know how slow to sympathize with the sufferer.

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Grand Army Hall has been filled with earnest seekers for truth as has never been before, and in spite of inclement weather fine audiences have assembled every Sunday evening during the past four weeks.

The inspired utterances of this noble woman touch the tender chords of sympathy in the hearts of her hearers, and her grand tests from the platform bring conviction of the truth of spiritual communion to the minds of the most sceptical.

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Watertown, N. Y. The Spiritual Society of this city has nearly completed its new temple. It will be dedicated on the 14th of January.

Our Daily press devotes the following to us: A TEMPLE FOR SPIRITUALISTS. Papers incorporating the First Progressive Spiritualistic Society of Watertown, have been died with the County Clerk in this city.

The new Temple, which has been in course of construction during the past three or four months, is now nearing completion. It is located on Davis street, and will seat about 400 people.

Private gatherings take place in the temple now twice a week. The building was largely at the expense of Mr. and Mrs. Abel Davis, location services will be held in the new temple on January 1, 1889.

Mrs. Jennie B. Hagau spoke in the morning upon "Mind and Matter," "Evolution and Evolution," and "The Human Soul." The speaker said: "Sometimes it is a wonder to the thinking man to see how the various periods of time have especially enforced certain facts."

On Sunday evening, the 24th, Miss Emma J. Nickerson delivered her last lecture to a large and appreciative audience.

In the morning, after a song by the choir, the "Ninety and Nine," and an invocation by the lecturer, the subject given by the audience was, "The Signs of the Times."

In the evening the hall was crowded with the best audience we have had yet. The choir sang, "Welcome Angels." A poem and an invocation by the lecturer followed.

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could? Would you blot out all of childhood's varied experiences, joys and sorrows? But, you ask, did I live you back of Adam? Not in the developed reality but as a prophetic germ, requiring evolving time to unfold and which will ultimately in the individuality. Let us illustrate that in this way.

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Written for The Better Way. A DAY'S PRISONER AMONG THE CANNIBALS OF DESOLATION ISLAND.

Desolation Island! What a thrill of horror racks my nerves and seems to fire my brain when I think of it; and yet more than thirty-five years have passed since I experienced that twenty hours of suffring and mental torture. Our ship was the Target, a full rigged whaler, bound from Honolulu to New Bedford. On the evening of March 20th we encountered a head wind from southeast by south one point south. Captain Swan and I had been doing our best that day to get the exact location of our ship. I have forgotten to state that I was mate of the Target, and this was our second trip from the Arctic whaling grounds. Heavy clouds, dark and gloomy, were constantly flying over our heads, and occasional snow clouds would spend their burthens upon us. As we had been unable to take an altitude that day, and had not taken a lunar for two days, we had to depend upon our chronometer for our longitude and get our latitude from dead reckoning and guessing. We had thus determined that we were in latitude 55° 30' south, and 73° west. Had this calculation been correct we would be southwest of Cape Horn. But in fact we were one degree of latitude further north, and hence off "Desolation Island," or, as the intelligent reader will observe, we were from forty to fifty miles west of Patagonia. The ship was hove to under double-reefed topsails and fore-top staysail. That night Captain Swan retired about nine o'clock, very much fatigued with the harassing perplexities of the last two or three days, having ordered me to keep a sharp lookout and to stand in southeast whenever the wind would permit. At 11 o'clock that night the wind hauled around to south by east, so that I could stand in southeast by east with considerable assurance which was in substantial compliance with the Captain's orders. Having fallen away and put the vessel on her course, I went below and informed Captain Swan what I had done, and he approved my action. At 2 o'clock next morning I awakened the Captain; I had changed the ship's course and was now running sharp on the wind—S. E. There was an ominous warmth in the winds which I did not relish; the steady breeze had given place to fitful puffs. There was, in short, an earthy smell, which the experienced sailor recognizes as an intimation that land is near. Then the effect produced upon the face by the breeze was that of a land breeze to some extent. "What do you think of it, Captain?" said I, after the careful skipper had snuffed a few minutes upon deck. "This breeze," said the Captain, "is surely from some land district. Can it be possible, Mr. Wells, that we have reached near enough to the Shetland Islands that we can realize the change in the air?" "It is possible, sir," said I; "but I hardly think so."

note his size and general make-up, which were to me exceedingly disagreeable. He was, I should judge, six feet and six inches tall; not heavy, but muscular as a trained athlete; straight as an arrow, copper-colored; nose large and hawk billed; nostrils wide and flexible; mouth coarse and heavy; eyes of a greasy brown. He held in one hand a heavy club or stick, about six feet long, with a stone spear point attached. To add to his ferocity he wore a broad ring in his nose and one in each ear. He was scantily dressed in skins. I turned from the disagreeable monster towards our men, when a blood-curdling sight startled me. I had heard no outcry, but stretched before me, some fifty paces distant, one of our men was wallowing in his blood like a stuck hog, while the other four (all Sandwich Islanders) were awkwardly endeavoring, out of time, to row the boat back to the ship. One at a time there elently arose around me dusky forms like the first. It is impossible for one who never had an experience of this kind to realize its terror. There I stood upon a desolate island, surrounded by cannibals who delight to torture the body and rack the nerve. My own countrymen in sight, but it was only a farewell glance. Now the circle began to close upon me; I had no weapon. I leaped upon a large boulder overcome with horror at this situation. What was my astonishment at this moment to hear a voice issuing apparently from the rocks in the clearest of English. "Do just what they direct you fearlessly, and be on your guard about mid-night to night, for I shall rescue you—remember."

been, when an object darkened the entry. Had my time come? A low whisper startled me: "Silent now—not a word on your life!" Deft hands cut my thoughts and I sat up dazed and sore. A huge knife was put into my hand and I was helped upon my feet. Silently we groped our way out. I caught a passing glimpse of the remains of poor "Tony" and of the sleeping demons around him. Just as daylight began to dawn I caught a sight that made me dizzy with joy. There was our own dear old yawl dancing upon the beach, with Captain Swan in command. Safe! safe! And my rescuer whispered in my ear: "I am Romali, whom you saved from being shot in Sidney. I live with these savages—an outlaw," and Romali had disappeared among the rocks. Well, all this is past now, but I live it over in dreams. Cleveland, Ohio, Progressive Lyceum. To the Editor of The Better Way. I have just closed a pleasant month's work for the Society for Promulgating Scientific Spiritualism in Cleveland, O. I have rarely met so much to admire and so little to criticize in a spiritual society. They led off with Mrs. Lillie, followed by Hudson Tuttle and J. Frank Baxter, and such a beginning could not well be less than success. Mrs. Lillie is a favorite there as elsewhere and drew large audiences. Brother Tuttle carried all before him and was liberally reported in the daily press with no disparaging comments. His lecture on the "dead gods" was extensively reported in the morning Leader—occupying over a column of close print—and was much talked about and admired. Mr. Tuttle's world-wide reputation as an author, whose works have been translated into several languages, of course carries weight among the intelligent; and his sterling character and steadfast devotion to the great cause makes him a power in the Spiritual ranks, and his life is an example that all Spiritualists can point to with pride. Mr. Baxter's abilities as a speaker, singer and test Medium, give him a triple advantage, and his work is widely sought and carries with it great popular influence. He, too, adds to his talent and rare gifts as a medium a character that sustains when adverse winds assail. He drew crowded houses and many were turned away for want of room. He is to be here again in May. Frank T. R. play follows me next Sunday. Last Friday evening the society held their first public sociable and supper; and although the night was dark and rainy there was a splendid company assembled in G. A. R. Hall, and a most enjoyable season made the happy hours seem all too short and fleeting. I was never in a more genial atmosphere in any social gathering; cordiality, pleasant, intelligence and a sweet spirituality were tangible in all the air. After the feast and auction of elegant cakes, provided by the ladies in their bountiful generosity, those needing exercise "tipped the light fantastic toe" to choice music, and "all went merry as marriage bells." Mrs. Calkins (I think that is the name) and Mrs. Henderson set an example that will likely be imitated by others, in their efforts to raise revenue from the cakes. They exhibited unique talent and fitness for emergency, and not only added to their receipts but greatly augmented the pleasure of the occasion by their mirth-provoking remarks. This society has started right, and has some of the best men and women in Cleveland united to carry out the great work. Dr. Swartz is active in promulgating his ideas of Spiritual Science and healing the sick, and he unites it with Spiritualism and claims justly I think, that it is only a special emphasis of an important branch of the spiritual philosophy. Dr. Sapp, of psychic telegraph fame, is a man of quality, has the confidence of those who know him, and shows proofs of remarkable success in curing the sick, evidently due to spirit guidance. He is an interesting man and his accomplished companion aids her womanly graces and genius to his labors. Bro. Skeels, the President, is a man of weight and influence, but was under a cloud, caused by severe illness in his family, which prevented him from active participation in his place. Bro. Carleton served ably and well. S. A. Jewett, the Secretary, is pleasant and makes speakers happy and comfortable. The Children's Progressive Lyceum, under the direction of I. W. Pope, keeps up a successful and interesting work every Sunday. Thomas Lees and his sister, Thillie, are entitled to much credit for their devotion and untiring zeal for the Lyceum, which has made this an exceptional Lyceum among the hundreds that went and came fifteen to thirty years ago, and are heard of no more. Our people are remiss in their duties to the children. Something should be done to arouse a new interest in their behalf. They are the men and women of the near future, and if neglected, will drift under the cloud of secularism, theology and grow up spiritual dwarves and mental slaves. A large portion of adult Spiritualists have already gone into the different churches, giving their influence and support to them. Why? Not merely because Spiritualism is unpopular, because it is not; but, evidently, because there has not been sufficient unity and earnestness of purpose among believers to combine in such ennobling enterprises as the angels urge upon us, and make facts and experiences fruitful in beautiful and attractive association, commented by love and regulated by wisdom and educational order. This young society in Cleveland indicates a capacity to lead in this direction, and if no sinuous sweep over it to poison and stifle its sweet spirit, I predict for it a glorious future. Yours for the cause of all castles, LYMAN C. HOWE.

Written for The Better Way. The Mission of the Angels. BY THE POET OF THE OZARKS. He shall give his angel's charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.—Bible. O'er the holy calm of midnight's dreaming Bright angel hands roll back the clouds of night, And heavenly radiance softly downward stream, Fill human hearts with visions of delight. And strains of music, sweeter than the number, The wind harp breathes when swept by the airs of June, And soothing as an infant's dreamless slumbers, Our listless souls the melody attune. Lo, down the heavenly stairs we see descending God's angels, bearing messages of love, Upon us from afar soft eyes are bending And fond hands beckoning to us from above. And shall we count as dreams, each heavenly vision, And at our waking every bliss dispel? Forget the glimpses of the joys elysian? Ah, no! these are not dreams, I know full well! He sends us messengers, and over us With sheltering wings they hover, night and day; They point us out the dangers thick before us, And shield us from the evils in our way. Why not? They loved us while they walked beside us, Along life's stormy paths, and now gone hence— Transformed to God's bright angels, still they guide us. And ask our deathless love as recompense. My faith assures me that the angel mother May watch above her child as, sad, he treads The path that leads through this world to an other— And in his web of life weave golden threads. And all my loved ones just across the river, Unfaltering faith declares they wait for me And so, faint heart, be strong—I know the silver, Wills we shall yet again join to be.

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THANKSGIVING DAY WITH THE SPIRITS.

Thursday, Nov. 28, 1889, will ever be remembered by the writer as a special day in his life, for on that day in 1886...

We examined the seance room thoroughly to satisfy ourselves that there were no secret doors, confederates, etc., not that we suspected their use but that we could say positively to others, we know that none of these means were used in the production of the phenomena witnessed by us.

The cabinet was made of dark colored cloth hung from a light jointed frame, so arranged that by means of a cord and pulley the cabinet could be folded up against the wall out of the way, at the same time spreading the front curtains apart.

The light used was placed in box with sliding cover so arranged as to be lowered or raised from the inside of the cabinet. The light being softened by a colored shade, was still brilliant enough to show every object in the room when the shade was opened.

The medium's guide, John Morris, greeted each member of the circle by name, speaking through the trumpet. He remarked upon the good conditions present, and as soon as he finished, the light was turned on and he walked directly forward and touched the writer on the forehead.

While the light was still turned on the trumpet was thrust through the curtain and the second guide, Ed. Waters spoke to all present and then told the medium to take the trumpet in his hand. He did so and held the trumpet on a level with the seat of his chair in full view of every person present.

Only two materializations other than the cabinet controls occurred outside of the cabinet one of these coming and occupying the medium's chair. While he and one of the circle were inside the cabinet, the other was a little child who stepped out in view and gave her name and then dematerialized, not by descending through the floor, but rose above the rest of us mortal present and then dissolved into thin air.

Sensation in Albion, Michigan.

One of the most remarkable and wonderful cures that has been performed since the Christian era, is in the case of Mr. George Young, a highly respectable citizen of Albion, Calhoun Co, Mich.

"For many years I was stricken with disease of a serious character that I could not walk or stand. I was reduced in flesh from 180 to 100 pounds. The local physicians called my complaint liver, heart and kidney disease—in fact all manner of diseases—but after I had paid out a great deal of money they said I must die, and that very soon. Just at this time one of Dr. Dobson's circulars fell into my hands."

"I was no believer in Spiritualism and I thought I would send to him and make a trial, for there was nothing else left me. He sent me what he called spiritualized remedies. I commenced to take them and in a very short time I began to improve, and to day I am as healthy a man as there is in Michigan, and can do as hard a day's work, and I know that Dr. Dobson cured me. I took four months of his treatment: two months after I was well and it has nearly if not quite made me a Spiritualist. Since I got well Dr. Dobson has been here to see me, and I attended one of his slate writing sances, which to me was wonderful. My cure made an excitement in town, and by its means Dr. Dobson has had over one hundred patients here, and has been successful in curing or greatly benefitting every one. My wife and I will never tire in doing every thing we can to induce the sick to send to Dr. A. B. Dobson of Maquoketa, Iowa, for assistance, the man that saved me from a premature grave. It is nearly a year since he cured me. It is through him and his spirit band of doctors that I am alive."

The foregoing is but one of many similar testimonials voluntarily furnished by Dr. A. B. Dobson, of this city. His disciples number thousands, scattered from Maine to Oregon, and from Dakota to the Gulf. It is quite likely some may be found who have derived no great benefit from his treatment, though we are free to say we have never heard of such a case—the uniform testimony being "entirely cured or greatly benefited." "The lame walk—the deaf hear—the blind see." Dr. Dobson's career has been a wonderful one, and certainly he is richly deserving of all the honors that has crowned his work during the last few years of his residence in this city. He is warm-hearted and generous with his friends, while with those disposed to deride or oppose his work, he is not afraid to answer a fool according to his folly.—Maquoketa (Iowa) Record.

Notwithstanding a very stormy evening, November 19, the meeting of the Independent Spiritualist Club was very well attended and amply repaid for all discomfort and trouble of getting there. After singing by the audience, Mr. F. W. Ridell made the opening address giving several instances of the working of spirit friends through his own mediumship. A song by Mr. H. W. Stratton was well rendered and very pleasing.

Mr. M. A. Chandler made an address, full of the spirituality that characterizes her ideas, also giving several tests of spirit presence to persons in the audience. After a finely rendered song by Mrs. Nettie Wentworth, Mrs. K. R. Stiles gave some very satisfactory psychometric readings, and spirit communications. Dr. Gustav P. Wickesell and Dr. Geo. A. Ordway made interesting addresses after which singing by the audience closed the exercises.

It has been impossible of late to send your excellent paper any interesting items in regard to the growth of Spiritualism in this locality as the close of camp meeting seemed to wind up the activity of spiritual effort in Chattanooga. Perhaps I may except Dr. Fuller's free lectures given in the pavilion during the month of September, and we were pleasantly surprised to notice many orthodox neighbors in attendance at these Sunday afternoon lectures.

Galveston, Texas.

Mrs. Kates and self are having a refreshing season here, where we are visiting the shores, the twenty-five miles of beach that makes a beautiful drive-way, the world of beautiful shells, the city decked with blossoms of roses, chrysanthemums, oleanders, etc.

We have held three meetings each week during November and are forced by the success and promise to remain during December in order to complete the practical results of our labor. The hall has become too small to accommodate the steady increase of auditors.

No organized society here has called out a general union of the friends, and the only desire for a local society, thirty-two people gave their names last night at the first call. It is a good thing to secure a good working organization which no doubt will reach two hundred during the coming month.

A gathering of representative Lancashire Spiritualists, to welcome back Mr. J. J. Morse, who has been several years in the United States, was held in the Spiritual Temple, off Union street, on Saturday evening. The meeting was preceded by a tea party, which was wonderfully attended. Mr. E. Rayner presided at the after meeting, which took place in the hall, and consisted of singing, entertainment, interspersed with addresses.

Mr. W. Johnson, who was the first speaker, read the announcement that Mr. Morse was coming to Galveston on Saturday night. Mr. Morse was a most intelligent worker in the movement, and it was the thinkers they wanted, not the masses. Great progress had been made in this line since the time when they had to meet over a stove. They had now that beautiful temple, and it was their own. There had been a time when it was a dreary and gloomy place, but now it was a beautiful temple.

Mr. J. B. T. Lewis said with great pleasure that he was glad to see Mr. Morse in the cause of Spiritualism, for he was one of their best workers. He had corresponded for several years with him, and that intercourse had been very profitable to him. He had lately observed that Spiritualism was on the right track, which was a great admission for an agnostic to make.

Mr. H. H. Brigham, of Fitchburg, Mass., is authorized to receive subscriptions for THE BETTER WAY. Judge G. W. Featherstone is delivering lectures to interested audiences at San Marcial, New Mexico. Mr. Barnum and his circus are in London. Mr. Burns commends him as a good Spiritualist as well as a good showman.

MOVEMENTS OF MEDIUMS.

Address Geo. H. Brooks, 67 Madison Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. Frank G. Wilson solicits engagements as lecturer. Address box 38, Maquoketa, Iowa. Dr. Dean Clark is ready to answer calls on the Pacific coast. Address care of Golden Gate.

Mr. Geo. H. Brooks may be engaged for the winter months. Address care of 7143 Berkley Way. Harrison D. Barrett, is open for engagements to lecture. Address 1029 Grove street, Mendville, Pa. Prof. J. Clegg Wright is open for engagements for the months of March and April 1890. Address Newford, N. J.

Bishop A. Heis has been re-elected by the St. Paul Fair Society for December. Address 200 Arundell street. Dr. D. J. Mansbury, the medium for Independent spirit writing, is located at 800 Cleveland street, N. W. Washington, D. C. Mrs. Annie Ogden, 618 Main street, Florida, Ill. Trance, Test and Psychometric reader. Can be engaged for the season of 89 and 90.

Mrs. Nellie S. Baile of Capas, Mich., is now ready for winter month engagements as lecturer. Terms moderate; correspondence solicited. Address for the present, San Marcial, N. M. Miss Jennie B. Hagan will make engagements for fall and winter week evenings for 90, 10 and 12 lectures. Address 62 Irving street, South Framingham, Mass.

Mrs. Carrie C. Van Duzen has closed her lectures in Wheeling, W. Va., and at present is residing at her home in Geneva, O. She will start for Atlanta, Ga., in December and will make engagements en route. Dr. E. Wm. Fletcher lectures in Brooklyn for November, in Philadelphia in December, and in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1890; most of the time until June. All letters addressed to 142 W. 100th street, New York City.

Mrs. Edith E. R. Nickless will lecture for Spiritualists of Santa Cruz, Cal., for the month of December and January. All communications to Dr. J. R. or Mrs. Edith E. R. Nickless should be sent to the above address until further notice. Lyman C. Howe is engaged at Buffalo, N. Y., for October, and at Cleveland, Ohio, for November. Engagements open for December, January and March following. Will also answer calls for week evenings at accessible points from above points.

M. J. Moran, Indianapolis, is authorized to close engagements for Miss Nickerson in March next in the days of the week, except Wednesdays and Saturdays, I would be pleased to hear from any society or individual in this line who may desire her services at that time. Miss Emma J. Nickerson can be addressed for engagements for May and June, also summer camps, at 583 Main street, Springfield, Mass. Dates as follows: Springfield, December; Haverhill, January; Boston, Berkeley Hall, first two Sundays in February; Indianapolis for March; Pittsburgh for April.

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