

Spirit Message Department OUR FREE CIRCLE. Every Tuesday Afternoon.

All messages sent to our office... Questions to be answered from the responses will be received upon these conditions: 1. They must be germane to the subject...

REPORT OF SEANCE. Tuesday Afternoon, April 11, 1893.

PROLOGUE.

Oh, life divine, that which penetrates all things—from the tiniest dower to the grandest oak; from the smallest insect to the grandest intellect that walks upon the face of the earth...

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Ques.—[By W. S. H. city] Accepting as true, that spirits see, know, and communicate with us, the question arises, do they behold the physical and mental suffering of their loved ones of earth, and if so, how, can they be happy and contented in the spirit realm?

Ans.—Chairman and friends, that, as spirit, I can enter into the earth plane, understand all that is transpiring around and about you and the loved ones who belong to me through the tie of nature...

Ques.—[A. S. H., Buffalo, N. Y.] What is the condition of a spirit after the body is blown to atoms?

Ans.—My friends, after the material body is blown to atoms, through the shock occasioned thereby, the spirit is as perfect and as beautiful as though it had passed out upon the couch. But for a little time this spirit seems dazed; it must suffer certain conditions after such a sudden transition or accident...

SPRIT MESSAGES.

Frank Fuller and Mrs. Eliza Fuller McKinley. Good afternoon, friends. I hardly know how to express myself as I come into this meeting, although I have in the past attended many meetings something like this, perhaps of a little different order...

standing before me two beautiful spirits just liberated from the body through an accident. These spirits, hand in hand, passed before me, seeking as it were, to find what has transpired. They are dared. They understand not their condition, but these spirits do not suffer that which you would call pain. They are only confused. In a little while they will realize their condition and they will enter into the spirit realm just where they belong...

Dan Brown.

Well, how do you do? I am very glad to be here. I was an old fashioned Baptist, Oh, isn't it strange that I come? Well, I believed my way, and I lived my way, and I was dipped clear under. Why, I suspect some of you folks were not even as much as sprinkled. I want to come to talk with you, to tell you the fears that often attend the spirit after they have been freed from the body, and enter into the spirit realm and know that they are freed indeed...

Bernie Shaw.

Tell them that Bernie is happy in the beautiful land of the spirits. I lived in Cleveland, Ohio. It has been quite a long time now. My teacher says it has been a number of years since I died, as some folks call it, but I am not dead. I am just as happy as I can be every day of my life and I am going to be a big girl. I used to go to the Lyceum there a long time ago, and lots of the lessons that I learned in that Lyceum have been lots of help to me over in heaven, and I want everyone who knows me to know that I shall come as an angel of light to help them and do all the good I can for them...

James Ashton.

To his wife Margaret Ashton he says: "I am well pleased with the way she has settled affairs, as I impressed her what to do. I hope she will cease worrying as I can come nearer to her when she throws off the condition of trouble that surrounds her. Harry Parvis is with me and sends a message of love to his dear wife Flora. Uncle John Whiteley Ashton also comes and begs to be remembered as a dear one on the other shore. I feel much happier since I have held communication with my wife, and now that I have come in rapport with her. He will come to her whenever she visits a medium. She lives near Brookville, Ind."

VERIFICATIONS.

[To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH.] Among the spirit messages of April 5th is one from my dear father, Hiram Gritman, accompanied by an elderly lady he called Lydia, who is my mother, and two younger persons. Oh, what joy it gave me to read his loving message, and am very thankful for the same, and hope they with other loved ones can send us words of cheer often. With thanks to the medium and the friends of your public circle, I am fraternally, Mrs. J. H. HADLOCK, Sherburne, N. Y.

[To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH.] Through your spirit messages I have received information concerning the day I was born. I am most thankful to the medium who revealed this to me. I have long sought for it. I was raised in an orphan asylum and no entry was made concerning this fact. Thanks for your message. L. GRAF, St. Louis, Mo.

[To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH.] I recognized the communication in the LIGHT OF TRUTH of April 1st, given by Albert Brown, as he says in his message to keep his promise. The message is true in all particulars. My son Albert, his sister Elsie, their Uncle William, my control, Dr. Leman (not Dr. Teeman as given), and an Indian of my band promised to send us a message at the earliest opportunity, and so they did, for which I return my tenderest thanks, and sincerely hope they may surprise us in this way quite often, with this exception that conditions will permit them to give it in a more agreeable and pleasing tone than the first time. I am fraternally, B. H. BROWN, Columbus, O.

[To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH.] In the Message Department of April 1st was a message from Sam Allen, and I write you in verification of the same. Sam Allen is my brother-in-law. All the parties spoken of by him are recognized. He speaks of myself as an inspirational speaker, which is correct. The test in this particular is doubly strong in that he has given my name as it appeared upon the register, that of Clarissa, while I am known to the public as Clara Watson. He speaks of his wife (my sister) and himself as being grateful for the care bestowed upon their child by myself and husband. We have cared for their daughter since their transition, ten and eight years ago. Mother Mitchell, of whom he speaks, is my mother who passed to the higher life less than one year ago. My husband's name is Henry, and my brother's name is Charley, both being given in the message. We are grateful to Brother Sam for his message of love. And my blessings attend her who is the mouth-piece for spiritual visitants at your Free Circle. Jamestown, N. Y. MRS. CLARA WATSON.

The Progressive Lyceum.

All communications to this department should be addressed care of Lyceum.

Opening Song.

There'll be no more sorrow there, In heaven above, where all is love, There'll be no more sorrow there, Where cold and selfish drops Fall off my marble brow, Break forth in songs of jubilation, Let heaven begin to law—Oho. Then to my raptured soul, Let me sweet songs be given, Let music cheer me in on earth, And greet me in heaven—Oho.

Musical Reading.

This is a pleasing variety. The program, led by the guardian, reads the first passage and the musical director leads with that stanza of the song. This number is taken from the Lyceum book where the music is also given.

LIBERTY AND REASON.

Let truth and falsehood grapple, who ever knew truth put to the worst in a fair encounter? MILTON. Nature is the universal exponent of God; and reason is the eternal exponent of nature; therefore nature and reason combined constitute the only true and reliable standard of judgment. Obey God manifest in thyself.

LET US LIVE UP TO WHAT THE TRUTH MAY DEMAND.

Musical on page 5 of the Guide. With banners unfurled on the breezes of heaven, Let us press on to conquer the errors of time, Let us shout in the van till the welkin is riven, And truth stands revealed in its beauty sublime. Let us heed the old error that matters its hate, And curse the men who would turn to the light, The errors of Churches, of parties, of state, Onward, push on, let us rush to the fight. We may fall, but the banner we doubtlessly bear Shall fall not, but, taken by mightier hands, Victoriously float on the dark voluptuary, Proclaiming the triumph of truth's eager hands, Let us live but to do what the truth may demand. Then onward forever, forever, our song, Press on to the struggle with true heart and hand. —EDMOND TITTEL.

Suggestive Lesson.

[NOTE.—All questions have many answers, and we wish to have it constantly borne in mind that questions and answers here given, are to lead to others, and the free expression of thought and of views, with the humility of seekers after truth and light, and never in antagonistic discussion.]

THE TRIUMPH OF TRUTH.

Has the truth of itself the power of its own vindication? Does not its triumph depend on the strength and integrity of its defenders? Can it by persecution be suppressed? It has been in Spain, for a long time in Italy. Persecution, if sufficiently severe and long continued, will destroy a truth-loving people. As the highest expression of moral power the race is certain to grow out of falsehood, which is the animal plane, and truth triumphantly reign over a truth-loving people. How is this desired end best to be accomplished? By each one cultivating themselves. Reform should begin with ourselves.

Where there is one instructor to lead and one pupil to learn the union is an incipient lyceum. Experience has shown that it is best when the lyceum is organized to elect a full corps of leaders, and then there should grow up a spirit of rivalry to have the groups full, and the members take active part. The personal influence of the leaders ought to bring full attendance to their respective groups. The constant proselyting efforts of a Sunday-school teacher affords a practical lesson for this kind of work.

LITERARY REVIEW.

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A TIMELY WORK.

In these days of religious controversies and evolution the thinking mind is filled with a desire to know something of the history of religion, and where its vital truth may be found. To all such I would commend Hudson Tuttle's book, 'The Religion of Man and the Ethics of Science.' He deals with the subject in an original and entertaining style. Without dry details or lengthy quotations, he condenses into terse sentences the result of an immense amount of thought, study, and research. Aside from the interest of the book from a religious and historical point of view, it is of inestimable value as an exponent of natural law, indicating the only "royal road" to health and happiness.

Covetousness impoverishes the spirit in the same ratio that waste by intemperance does. It centralizes all the energy in the body, and when this dies it goes to the grave and the spirit is weakened by its loss.

News from Correspondents

Notes from Mrs. R. S. Lillie.

I am wondering just how what I beat to write. So many things are transpiring... I am wondering just how what I beat to write. So many things are transpiring...

At the First Spiritual Temple last Sunday a large audience... Mrs. Lillie closes her engagement with the Boston Spiritual Temple... Mrs. Lillie closes her engagement with the Boston Spiritual Temple...

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