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How Shall We Organize?—Declaration of Principles.

In our last number we published by request the "Declaration of Principles of the first Society of Spiritualists of Battle Creek."

We hope our good friends of that locality may find this expression of belief to be a source of union, strength and purity, but, looking to all past church history, we gain no encouragement in that direction.

To the question of organization the attention of our readers has often been called; it is unnecessary to say that we earnestly favor organization, so far as may seem necessary to co-operate in the dissemination of those free religious sentiments in which all Spiritualists agree.

We have written enough to satisfy our readers that we not only favor but earnestly advocate organization for financial and business purposes, for mutual assistance as expressed in our declaration above, not a declaration of belief, but of earnest desire to seek all for truth, a declaration of purpose; and, at the same time, we stand uncompromisingly opposed to any "test of membership, test of fellowship, statement of faith, or declaration of belief."

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A declaration, says Webster, is "proclaiming an opinion," a creed is nothing more. Now there is nothing wrong in an individual adopting a creed or declaration for himself, or proclaiming his belief to the world, the objection is in requiring others, before tolerating them as co-laborers, to subscribe to his creed.

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He insisted upon the calling of the alphabet that he might give an account of his death. He declared that he had been deprived of many years of earth life, rightfully his.

Whoever regards this as a false prophecy, must be strangely blind to the signs of the times. Only a fortnight ago we published an earnest appeal by an orthodox clergyman to the Christian community to vote only for candidates who are pledged to enforce the Sabbath observance of Sunday.

Then again directing his attention to the paper, he caused the table to rise, floated it about the room, causing it to roll and pitch like a vessel in a storm.

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Great fears have been expressed in certain quarters, that unless we have our doors barred with a creed, free-lovers and all kinds of unworthy people will come in. Let them come,

and if they are better than we, help us where-in they are better, and if they are worse, then, if we do not help them, it will be our own fault. It is our experience that a supreme earnestness is a safe-guard against all sorts of contamination.

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Ye, who amid the strife of human tongues and creeds, sigh for diviner life, To work out nobler deeds, Weary of doubt and care, And seeking purer rest.

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he again exclaimed: "It is Satan." The spirit insisted upon trying to compel his brother to acknowledge him, but finding it impossible, he concentrated all his power, gave the chair in which the stranger was sitting a sudden jerk which threw him backward upon the floor.

Religion in the Common School.

At the meeting of the RADICAL CLUB Sunday evening, July 3, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the RADICAL CLUB to draw up a petition addressed to the BOARD OF EDUCATION, requesting that the reading of the Bible, the singing of hymns and public prayer, be henceforth discontinued in the public schools of this city; and that the Committee be instructed to report at the next meeting of the Club."

We clip the above from the Index of Toledo, which indicates that this question will continue to be agitated, at least in our cities; and will no doubt extend to the country. So much has been said and written, and the public mind so thoroughly awakened upon the subject, that we say, let the question be met now. Let the friends of religious freedom maintain it inviolate as incorporated by the fathers in our Constitution, and oppose any system of religious teaching in our schools other than the great moral teachings held and taught in common by all peoples.

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The Golden Lock. Dedicated to the Parents, H. and M. W. Straub. By Miss Maria Straub. To-day, when thy lily viewing, My cheek's thy treasures rare, I gazed within its foldings, A golden lock of hair. Five years, and more, are numbered With time that's winged its race, Since first I laid it gently Within its resting place.

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Corresponding Editors.

DEAR AGE:—More than a week has passed since I commenced this, and still no rest. If I am not careful I shall get into the habit of bringing myself instead of the cause before the people; and all this because I have failed to heed the good sound advice given by "Friend Martindale" in the AGE of July 27, the very date of this article.

The above strikes me as particularly wise, from the fact that I am suffering, because of a lack of just wisdom, and if I do not have a care, I shall, ere long, be in the condition Jane speaks of: "The very foundations of my being broken up, and my motive in life washed away."

By the way, this AGE is an excellent one, and I think I must refer to some other items therein, perhaps I may thus cause some one to read them again, and if so, my labor will not be lost. I want to say a word about the article on "Pride and Vanity."

It may not be for the highest individual happiness, but, in my opinion, the best results for humanity have come from the labors of those who so desired approval from without, that it was a real pain to receive it, and still so self-centered, that they could not sacrifice principle for the sake of such approval.

But while criticizing the above article, I confess I should not do so did I not consider it worth criticism, and the article on "Love," under the same editorial, is excellent.

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Central City, July 27, 1870. AN INSTRUCTIVE ALLEGORY.—We seldom hear a better sermon on the duty of preparing for the "hour when no traveler returns" than is contained in the allegory which relates that a man once fell through this world into the next.

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Emma Hardinge's Lecture in Chicago, Sunday Morning, July 17th, 1870.

[On account of illness and the extreme heat (thermometer at 105) our reporter was not present, and we give below an abstract report of the lecture as we find it in the Monday morning's issue of the Chicago Times, which usually aims to give a fair report of our lectures. Some errors are apparent in this report, which our intelligent readers will at once see, the peculiar expressions of our mediums not being understood by ordinary reporters.

PSYCHOLOGY.

Despite the intense heat, a fair audience assembled at Crosby's Music Hall, yesterday morning to listen to Mrs Emma Hardinge, the subject: "Psychology."

After a short invocation, Mrs Hardinge spoke substantially as follows. Amongst the marvelous secrets that Spiritualism has revealed, there is none more marvelous than the mystery of life. None but Spiritualists can explain the mystery of life; none but Spiritualists know for a certainty that the mind survives the shock of death.

The modern discovery of psychology is an adaptation of magnetism by which one is governed by the will of another. Though one may be throwing off the essence of magnetism, unless it is accompanied by will, it cannot control the other.

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Madam Rumor.

Who is this Madam Rumor, pray, That daily passes through the street? Is she the one they call the spy, Or whom we hear, but never meet? Can lovely woman fall so low, And spend her precious time and breath In scandalizing all that go Within her sphere of moral death?

There is a problem known to all, Whose end is harmony and good, Did not these demons in disguise! Make all around a perfect hell.

Spiritualism, Phenomenal.

BEFORE modern Spiritualism was its appearance, I had many facts and experiences corresponding to the facts and science of these facts. When they first attracted public attention, I assumed an impartial and silent relation to them for eleven months.

The power of the human will has not begun to be understood. Psychological power does not exist in the head or the heart; it is not exercised by the emotions of anger, fear or love, but exists alone in the will.

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Mr. Spaulding had given the Dr. an account of the manifestations she had witnessed, and concluded by saying: "While listening to these manifestations, I heard the sound of footsteps near the door, whether produced by a supernatural agency, or by some of the servants, I could not satisfactorily decide."

"Well, I have made a pretty fool of myself," said Clara Gordon, as she entered her room, after the last interview with Dr. Bradwell. "He has read my heart and knows that I love him, and I am no more to him than the stranger he meets upon the street."

thoughtless. To tell you the truth, I do not believe that I ever had but one really serious thought in my life." "What was that?" asked Forest. "You will not be offended if I tell you?" "Certainly not."

will go back to the great mountains where we lived years and years ago. It must have been a hundred and fifty." While she was thus muttering to herself, Harry summoned all his energy, sprang from the bed, and fled from the room as fast as his feet could carry him.

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