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An Invocation.

By John B. Brown.

Thou, all-creative mind,
Source of being undelined,
Source of all wisdom, truth and love,
Through whom we breathe, and live and move;
May Wisdom with her beams divine
Into our understandings shine;
May we its principles obey,
And never from its precepts stray.
Looking through nature up to thee,
May we the truth in beauty see,
More precious far than pearls, or gems,
Or costly princely dainties.
May charity, celestial love,
Find a true welcome in each breast;
And may we labor mantle fall
In tender kindness over all.
May we aspire each day to live,
That we some good account may give;
And ever may our hearts incline
To works of love, and deeds divine.
May we the way of life discern,
Do good to all, and harm to none.
Live a pure life while here below,
And thus a good example show.
As through the paths of life we stray,
May angel guides direct our way,
And when we quit this earthly plane
Feel that we have not lived in vain.
Amen.

The American Association.

Our active and indefatigable friend, Doctor J. K. Bailey, is again on the track of the American Association, which, as he truly surmises, has been hibernating since its last annual meeting. Authority was given to the Board to make quarterly reports, and if there had been anything done, they would doubtless have made them. But there has been no meeting of the Board since the time of the annual meeting in September last. The funds received under the new regulation of one dollar per annum, were not sufficient to meet the expenses attendant upon the annual meeting and the revision of the pamphlets remaining in hand from the former year. Since the annual meeting, a secretary, we have received one dollar.

We agree with Brother Bailey, that it is time to consider what is the matter with this Society, and why it is thus languishing. The plan of representation of state societies has been objected to by many, and we are inclined to think it not as good as the old plan of local representation, because it is not based upon the number of Spiritualists, but on the number of people, or the representation in congress.

But this is not the reason the association is sick; neither is it from the attacks of those who are opposed to organization. We had more of these last year and they seemed to stimulate the members to action.

We agree with Dr. Bailey that it is not the most economical of the best plan for the American Association to employ missionaries, especially where there are state organizations, and it could not raise the funds to do this where there are none. State or local societies must, evidently do that work.

It should be the work of the American Association to encourage, not weaken or interfere with state organizations in any way. There is ample room for the state societies to labor and to co-operate with local societies.

Doubtless one of the causes of failure is to be found in the constitution of the Board of Trustees. The majority of the members are prominent in the Spiritualist, have been ignored. One woman was elected with eight men, at Rochester. At the last meeting, the relation of the sexes in this body remained the same. In view of this, we would favor an amendment to the constitution, so that at least four out of the nine trustees be women.

Another cause which can be concealed, is the want of confidence which was apparent at the Buffalo meeting, and which has doubtless increased since that time. No society can prosper whose members suspect each other of want of integrity, whether with or without grounds, and we believe that all confidence is restored, it will be in vain to hope for anything from the American Association. Perhaps an entire change of officers might remedy the evil. We are ready to try this. Unless something is done the association cannot long survive.

The Round Table.

(Translated.)

The new spiritual paper published in German at Washington, is quite a lively little sheet, well got up, and containing many interesting articles. It is published semi-monthly at \$1.00 per annum, or five cents a single number. The office is at the corner of Louisiana Avenue and 7th Street, Washington, D. C. It is edited by Dr. P. L. Schuchking, and has an able corps of talented German writers. It is a "Free Press" devoted to philosophy, art and literature. We believe this paper is calculated to meet a want long felt by our German fellow-citizens among whom are some of the most intelligent thinkers of the age.

The German mind is metaphysical and profound, and its investigations are among the most important that have marked this new era. Moreover, (as we have seen) the German mind will be found in one of Emma Hardy's forthcoming lectures in the Journal, was a German, and one who did much to open the way for the coming of Spiritualism.

The articles in numbers one and two of the Round Table which have been read at the meeting, and presented clear views on the subject of Spiritualism. We trust our German friends all over the country, and all those who are familiar with the beautiful language of "The Fatherland," will assist in maintaining this enterprise. These Spiritualists who are engaged in the study of the German language will find this paper both an interesting and valuable aid to them in their studies.

APPOINTMENTS:—Hannah T. Sumner, Penn State Missionary, will lecture at Watkins, N. Y., on Sunday the 5th of August. She will attend a bank picnic at Carleton, Pa., on the 5th and 6th of August, and will lecture in Harrisburg and vicinity during September. Friends desiring her services in these parts, will please apply at once.

Dr. Child is lecturing in and around Philadelphia as State Missionary.

Dr. Francis has 119 tracts, of which eight are of the fine rank: Paris, Lyons, Strasbourg, Metz, Lausanne, Bern and Chaux-de-Fonds. The tracts of Paris are stored to have cost \$40,000,000, and up to 1868 there had been expended on them \$2,000,000.

Spiritual Meetings, Conventions, &c.

OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION OF SPIRITUALISTS.

Fourth Annual Convention.

The Fourth Annual Convention of the State Association of Spiritualists will be held in Lyman Hall, in the city of Cleveland, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 10th and 11th, 1870, commencing at 11 o'clock A. M.

Local Societies and Lecturers will be entitled to one discount for each fifty members or fractional part thereof, and two for each additional fifty members and one for each fraction thereof.

Arrangements will be made for securing board at reduced rates.

Home Meetings and other distinguished speakers will be in attendance.

HUDSON TUTTLE, Pres't.

GEORGE W. WILSON, Sec'y.

NEBRASKA STATE CONVENTION.

The Executive Committee of the Nebraska Association have appointed Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24th, 25th and 26th of October next for the State Convention, to be held in the State Capitol at Lincoln.

There will be good lectures for the occasion.

We cordially invite all lecturers and "Free Thinkers" to participate with us.

Come and see our young State Capitol, where we can speak our minds freely.

By Order of the Committee:

ALONZO J. BUCKNER, Corresponding Secretary.

MEDIUM AND SPEAKERS' CONVENTION, AT LAGUNA, N. Y.

A Quarterly Convention of Mediums and Speakers will be held at Laguna, N. Y., on Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, September 21st and 22nd, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M.

This Convention is called at Laguna by the solicitation of friends residing there, and they desire to heartily entertain those who may attend from abroad.

Past experiences at conventions of this kind furnish sufficient guarantee that a course of the most practical sessions will be a joy, and that good speaking and singing will abound. Lecturers are asked to all speakers for rate and material.

W. H. BAKER, Sec'y.

F. J. CHASE, Com. Sec'y.

FRANK RICE, Com. Sec'y.

GRANGE MEETING.

The Lyceum and Society of Milan, Ohio, will hold a Grange Meeting on the 21st Saturday and Sunday of August 28th and 29th.

The Executive Order of the Western Reserve Seminary has been received, and will be held at the Seminary, Milan, Ohio, on the 21st and 22nd of August.

Emma Hardy, J. M. Peckham, and A. A. Wessloch will occupy the platform.

Friends from a distance will be provided for.

See Van Scooter, Secretary.

C. P. L.

MILAN, OHIO.

JULY 18th, 1870.

GRANGE MEETING.—In Saturday and Sunday, the 21st and 22nd of August, Spiritualists and other friends will hold a Grange Meeting at Manchester, Illinois, near Edgewood, Illinois.

J. M. Peckham, J. O. Barrett, and other speakers will be present.

Come up, everybody, to the main meeting.

FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SPIRITUALISTS ASSOCIATION.—This Convention will be held at Exeter Hall, in the city of Concord, commencing Wednesday, the 1st day of August, 1870.

Speakers will be entertained from Board on be held in hotels and in private families, at prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day.

Efforts will be made to obtain reduction of fare on the railroad. Speakers and others desiring to attend will write to Mr. Joseph P. Hatch, Concord, N. H.

All persons from abroad are invited to attend and be at home with the same as citizens of our own State.

Over, we have a demonstration worthy of our cause. Let every title, name and handle in our State be represented by all good Spiritualists and others.

Frank Chase, Sec'y.

Meeting of the Friends of Human Progress.

The Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Friends of Human Progress, of North Carolina, will be held at Raleigh Hall, in the city of Raleigh, N. C., on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, and September 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, and October 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, and November 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, and December 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, and January 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 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