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FRUITS AND NUTS AS FOOD.

Think the best of everybody;
Hope the best for yourself;
Do as I have done—persevere.
—George Stevenson's Advice.

LILY DALE NEWS.

We are having real fall weather. Clouds that look as if they could snow very easy, yet it continues warm and we have not had hard enough frosts to cut the nasturtiums ferns, and other of the more delicate foliage. Most of the maples are yellow and the contrast with the dark pines is very beautiful.

Many trees are being cut particularly in Caldwell park and in the vicinity of the Maplewood.

The auditorium has been boarded up also the band stand.

Mrs. Pettengill has been to Cleveland but has returned and started to Washington, D. C. Sunday morning to attend the N. S. A. Convention. Mrs. Mollie Smith will accompany her the later being a delegate for the California State Spiritualist Association.

Land is still being leased nearly every day by the Gas Company and they report that there is no doubt but what a shaft will be sunk in this vicinity this fall. Probably near the Williamson place at Burnhams, the first station south of here, one mile from Lily Dale.

The Campbell Brothers got quite a scare about ten days ago, on account of the heavy storm at Atlantic City, which done so much damage. They received a telegram during the storm which caused the younger Brother, Charley, to start immediately. Later reports, received however, assured them that no serious damage was done to their place of business, but the pier on one side and a large business place on the other was greatly damaged.

Mrs. Sage expects to start for Lake Helen, Florida, to spend the winter, within a few days. She has charge of one of the large hotels there.

F. Corden White and wife have gone to Arcadia, N. Y., and Bradford, Pa. They will return to Lily Dale again before going for the winter.

Mrs. Eliza Page has gone to Bridgeport, Canada, to attend the marriage of her niece. She expects to be gone about two weeks.

Mrs. Bartholomew, the trumpet medium has gone to Buffalo, and Mr. Bartholomew has gone to Lake Helen, Fla. where Mrs. B. will join him later.

Next week's SUNFLOWER will be largely devoted to the work of the N. S. A. The present Convention is an unusually important one and every Spiritualist should be familiar with its actions and purposes. The report of the President will be published in full as far as possible; every word is interesting and important.

Fay Johnson and wife spent a week visiting at his home and have returned to Jamestown.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Clark, nee Mrs. Bates, have gone to Fredonia to take up their residence. A very pleasant reception was given Mr. and Mrs. Clark at the home of Mr. Clark's mother, a couple of weeks ago.

Mrs. May Burke, spent the week of October 5th at Dunkirk, visiting Mr. Burke's sister who was the leading lady in the "Steward Company," which played there all of the week.

Meetings are held every Sunday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson. Everyone is invited to attend. Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson will spend the winter here.

Harry Bailey has moved his family from the Turner farm into the Shaw cottage, on Library Street, where they will spend the winter. We are informed that Mr. Bailey will work in Dunkirk this winter.

There are several cases of smallpox reported at Sinclairville and Charlotte Center; the towns are about 7 miles from here. The disease is taking a very light form and as there are no new cases no particular fear of an epidemic is anticipated.

Mrs. Dedrick has returned home. She has been gone several weeks.

BUFFALO NEWS.

N. H. EDDY, Special Correspondent.

Your correspondent desires to say that Mr. John W. Ring, of Galveston, Texas, who is superintendent of the Lyceum work, under the N. S. A., made a short visit in Buffalo, N. Y., while en route to Washington, D. C., to attend the National Convention. Mr. Ring was entertained by the P. R. C. club at their parlors, Thursday evening, October 15th.

Mr. Ring spoke very appreciatively of the cordiality, hospitality and kindly greetings extended to him by the members of the P. R. C. He spoke very emphatically regarding the pleasure it afforded him to meet so many cordial friends and coworkers who had enlisted their efforts in search of truth and assistance to humanity. Mr. Ring gave a very inspiring discourse during the evening in behalf of the work that he is interested in also gave some interesting experiences. Mr. Ring's every expression of thought was not only very inspiring, elevating and interesting but there was also a loud Ring, of an aspirational nature, and an ambitious feeling to ever reach out with an added effort to do all that could be done in assisting humanity to a right understanding and appreciation of the truths of the Spiritualist philosophy, and to instill into the minds of younger people and children the facts and benefits of this knowledge. Mr. Ring's whole heart and soul is deeply interested in the Lyceum work also the principles and philosophy of Spiritualism and the education of the children along these lines. The members of the P. R. C. were highly pleased and gratified to meet and greet such an earnest worker in the cause of the good of humanity, too much cannot be said in his behalf for Mr. Ring is gifted in inspiration, language and power of expression, and is destined to reach a high position in the field of life's labors and accomplishments, ere he passes to the world of souls. The evening was a very enjoyable one to all. Ample refreshments were furnished for the material sustenance of each one present. Tables were laden with meats, salads, bread, cake, ice cream and different fruits, also flowers. The spiritual feast of the evening was the best of all. There was a very mutual reception in the extended favors of Bro. Ring and the members of the P. R. C., all of whom wish him a cordial greeting of welcome from all who may meet him wherever he goes.

A much larger attendance than usual gathered at the temple Wednesday evening, October 14th, for the seance held by Mrs. A. Atcheson, she opened the seance by reading a poem, after which the guides manifested by giving a large number of descriptive readings and messages, most of which were recognized. Thursday afternoon, October 15th, the children of the Buffalo Children's Progressive Lyceum, connected with the First Spiritualist Society, met at the parlors of Mrs. Sarah C. Starr, 398 Jersey Street. Miss Bessie Starr has been leader of the Lyceum for over a year. The Lyceum has prospered very much under her directorship and the assistance of the faithful teachers who have aided her. Miss Starr gave the children a royal reception at her home as above stated, and the children enjoyed themselves very much. There was singing and recitations. The closing part of the program was the serving of ice cream, cake and fruit. The smiling faces of the children portrayed a good deal of pleasure and enjoyment, yet there was some disappointment at not meeting Mr. John W. Ring, who was expected to meet the children and Lyceum workers, which was caused by the train being so late that Mr. Ring could not arrive there in time. Had Mr. Ring reached his destination in time he would have found a large number to greet him.

Sunday morning, October 11th, services at the Temple opened with singing, followed by Mrs. Carrie Twing reading a poem, after which she gave a short discourse, subject, "If." The man of Galilee said, "If you believe in me, keep my commandments," Mrs. Twing said, "I believe in a gospel that helps humanity to be better. No one can be in heaven till they are fit for the place. Mrs. Twing gave many illustrations, referring to incidents in life's experiences wherein the word "If" was used. She had much to say regarding children, also some of their experiences along the line of life. There was a christening service at the close of the morning lecture, and Thomas G. Brown was consecrated to the service of truth. Mediumship and children was mentioned and of the good that had been realized through the same, demonstrating the truths of Spiritualism to others causing different ones to seek into the evidence of same.

Evening service, poem on Endurance, subject of discourse was "Immortality" or evidence pertaining to same. The trend of thought was relative to the benefit that came to those who embraced the knowledge of Spiritualism and continuity of life. Mrs. Twing gave many illustrations of the good that came to others through the efforts of those who had reached out to do good in behalf of humanity and mentioned the happiness and brightness that came through the truths of Spiritualism and the knowledge of spirit return.

Mrs. Twing's sincerity and earnest expression of her soul inspired her audience with much interest and attention, her closing words were, think of Spiritualism. Mrs. Twing gave readings after the lecture. A good audience was in attendance both morning and evening.

This month closes the 16th month service of Mrs. A. Atcheson as speaker and medium for the First Society of Spiritualists at Niagara Falls. Mrs. Atcheson has been engaged for six months as speaker and medium for the Niagara Falls society. Your correspondent learned that Mrs. Chase, the medium at 24 East Eagle St., has been very ill, we trust she will soon recover.

Madame Chetot, of 7 Cottage St., expects to soon take up her residence in Chicago for a while.

During October Mrs. Atcheson will hold seances each Wednesday evening at the Temple corner of Jersey street and Prospect avenue.

E. J. Abbott is stopping at 17 Prospect avenue instead of 711 as was stated last week.

Mrs. Carrie Twing gives a gingerbread social and entertainment in the interest of the First Society of Spiritualists at the Temple Saturday evening, October 24th. An enjoyable time is expected to come and buy some of the gingerbread and have a good time. Remember the date, October 24th.

MARRIAGE: WAY-HELL NG.

Wednesday, October 14th, was a great event in the history and career of Rev. Geo. W. Way, of Wheeling, W. Va., as it was the destined day to take to his own a worthy bride in the person of Miss Mayne S. Hilling, of Martin's Ferry, O.

The bridal party drove to the home of the bridegroom and were welcomed by a host of relatives and friends of both, where the nuptial feast was held by the Rev. J. M. Francis, of Washington, Pa. It was a most beautiful and spiritual ceremony, previously furnished, was beautifully decorated with flowers and green foliage. The presents were numerous, costly and very appropriate. Luncheon was served, and was highly enjoyed amid rejoicing and greetings to the newly united couple. They left for Washington, D. C. where the moon will be spent; they will attend the N. S. A. Convention to which both are delegates from the Wheeling society. Bro. Way is an earnest and unselfish worker and with this addition more power is expected in his work in the future. The following verses were read at the ceremony by Rev. J. M. Francis.

Beautiful as the morning
Jeweled with heavenly dew,
Glad as the springtime coming
Ever and anon new.
So may your lives be always
Crowded with roses of love
And decked with lilies of virtue,
That grow in the realms above.

May peace be your passport on—
ward
To better and higher life;
Continue in love's sweet bondage,
Free from all bonds of strife;
And the spirit world's sweet blessing
That fall as the dew at night,
May give you divine refreshing
That leads to eternal light.

As the days grow old and years
Wear out on the paths of time,
May the rays of life grow brighter—
Brighter and more sublime
And under the years crowning,
While the sun of life's age w,
And in knowledge and wisdom,
Better and loftier grow.
J. M. FRANCIS.
Washington, Pa.

A STRANGE CASE.

There is a curious case of dream being the means of saving a serious loss. An old lady living near the Marble Arch had been in the habit all her life through, of keeping all her letters. Consequently when he died he executor found five enormous sacks crammed with yellow manila envelopes. They spent a week on the task of going through the letters and found at the end of that time

that they had hardly made a start upon them. In any case, there seemed nothing of value, so, after consultation, they decided to burn the lot. That night one of the two executors—a country clergyman—slept very badly. Towards morning he fell asleep, and dreamt of the old lady—his aunt she had been—came to him and warned him not to burn the contents of the rosewood cabinet. Three times the dream came to him, and in the morning at breakfast he told his co-executor. The latter laughed, but the clergyman said he would take it upon himself to look through the rosewood cabinet. It was lucky that he did so. After three day's work he came upon a memorandum containing £3,000 worth of uncut Murmese rubies which had been hidden amongst the apparent worthless MSS.—The Two Worlds.

THE BEST WORLD STILL.

It's a sad old world where the sun don't shine,
But there ain't no use repinin';
There's a bright, sweet spot where the roses twine,
And love where the sun ain't shining.
And the winds may blow,
And the frosts may kill—
It's the best old world
In the country still.

It's a cold, cold world when the silver's gone,
But there ain't no use bewailin';
The seas run high, but the ships sail on,
And the sailors sing with the sailin'.
And the wind may blow,
And the lightning kill—
It's the best old world
In the country still.
—Atlanta Constitution.

Magnetic Persons.

Professor Murani, a distinguished Italian scientist, declares that "certain persons possess a strange magnetic or electric influence which produces very curious results." A few days ago, while he was at work on some electrical experiments, one of his friends suddenly entered the room, and at the same moment the needle of his galvanometer moved to and fro very rapidly. He was sure that his friend had in his possession either a magnet or some other electrical instrument, and in order to convince him that he was mistaken his friend removed all his clothes. To the professor's surprise the galvanometer continued to act just as though

a powerful magnet was near it, and the closer his friend approached the more marked its action became. Moreover, the front of the body acted on it in the same manner as the positive pole of a magnet and the back as a negative pole.

TWENTIETH CENTURY MAN-MAKING.

Hurry the baby as fast as you can,
Hurry him, worry him, make him a man.
Off with his baby clothes, get him in pants,
Feed him on brain foods, make him advance.
Hustle him, soon as he's able to walk,
Into a grammar school, cram him with talk.
Fill his poor head full of figures and facts,
Keep on a jamming them in till it cracks.
Once boys grew up at a rational rate,
Now we develop a man while you wait.
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will of God, and hence it is not independent of Him.

God's chain is: "Throughout all time, throughout all space

from the Father of the human race."

The mere fading, disintegrating series of darkness may know nothing of time or space. He does not claim to father beasts and creatures of darkness. He does claim his human children.

The work of Dean Mansell "The Limits of Religious Thought" is an effort to save orthodoxy from the objections of reason by showing that similar objections can be brought against all religious beliefs. His inference being that since we believe in God notwithstanding what seems a contradiction we ought to believe in "sort of orthodoxy" notwithstanding the contradictions. But it is quite evident to the "Lay mind" that there remains another alternative which is to believe *neither* as he presents them. Either they may renounce reason in order to retain his orthodoxy—or they will renounce his orthodoxy in order to retain their self-given reason.

Mansell's errors are generally traceable to Hamilton's philosophy of the "unconditioned"—which is a philosophy of words rather than of things or corresponding facts. The organized and organizing Light of Spirit that lifts a man up by a line of light from his solar plexus is not an "unconditioned" at all, and this "Living Light," above described, is the Inner Life of all living things.

When you can find a man, woman or child that never had and never grew out of the solar plexus; a central something, you may go and look for a universe not developed out of the Inner Life of all things—that is God. But until then it would be "Love's labor lost."

In what, really, consists the blessing which animal health not worldly endurance can supply? Where is the water of life? The springs of the spirit? The answer has been given by a true teacher. "He that loathes his life for my sake, shall find it." For my sake?—That means for truth's sake; for duty's sake; for the sake of any real, permanent good. The secret of a blessed life is that we lose ourselves in some worthy cause or work. The root of decay is in self. All desires that terminate in self, whether animal, intellectual or moral, renew and increase the everlasting thirst—the "clinging."

It needs but desire turned away from self and fixed on something without, something which is loved and sought for its own sake.

The grander the object the greater and more glorious and more enduring the satisfaction.

To lose ourselves in an infinite object is everlasting life. It needs something more than a true perception and a right resolve to bring about the union between the individual will and an object worthy of its entire devotion. Its living consecration! That is indeed a marriage made in heaven. Only the grace of a Good God can thus wed the soul with the absolute, living Goodness.

Yet it is something to see the truth of the everlasting life, and know that we cannot quench with any temporal satisfaction a thirst of the soul which only divine, heavenly satisfactions can allay. When we dream that we are dreaming we are near to waking. So it is that the Inner Life wakes to true love and to real life.

True, the well of the spirit is very deep. But every unselfish deed dips into it and draws from it, it cannot exhaust it. Happy the man or woman who has found this true work of the Real Life. The deeper life. Some work, some mission which takes him out of the selfishness of himself.

He has found the living spring. The day spring from on high.

The Inner Voice says—"Go work today in any vineyard." Do you ask where is this vineyard? It is a field set apart and fenced about. The vineyard is wherever good can be done or planned and commenced, whether in street or of the city, in store or counting room or field. It is or may be on the ship's deck of the soldier's bivouac, or in the logger's camp. In your home or mine, in every sense of human life where

moral fruit can be gathered or moral seed can be sowed. The laborers needed are all of the human family. One and all. Whoever is capable of speeding the world's work of helping the world's weal, of relieving want, or inspiring joy or offering the cup of hope.

The hours of labor are morning, evening, noon and night. The harvest season is summer, winter, spring and autumn! The harvest is human progress, the sum of earthly well-being from year to year, yes, from age to age.

PITTSBURG NEWS.

JOHN W. CLAUS, Correspondent.

Mr. J. Clegg Wright, the dean of philosophical Spiritualism, is again with his Pittsburg admirers. The clientele of this sage and savant are invariably people of intelligence, and the student-like atmosphere which pervades the Wright audience is markedly noticeable.

Mr. Wright's present engagement is exciting much interest among the more advanced devotees of Spiritualism and anticipation is on the *qui vive* about this forthcoming lectures. The lecturer in question has such a prepossessing and yet unassuming manner that it often disarms the keen criticism of even the most spleenful investigator. Unostentatious is so thoroughly a part of Mr. Wright's equipment that after an exposition of some difficult philosophical problem, one marvels how this quiet gentleman managed to do it.

On Thursday evening, October 22nd, Mr. Wright's control, John Shaw, gave a most interesting discourse. It was a historical narrative on a small scale, but gave the listener an excellent idea of the truly admirable worth of ancient principles, reasoning, and practical wisdom. The control, John Shaw, discussed the Pathagorean philosophy. This Greek thinker's central thought was the recognition of the mathematical relations of thought, hence, its exact system rejected the absurdities of idle superstition and supernatural dread. Excessive exactness and unnecessary scruples in the observance of religious rites was deemed superfluous by the splendid Grecian philosopher, Pythagoras, and John Shaw has contrasted the hyperbole of many modern religionists and enthusiastic zealots with the calm and profound students who flourished six centuries before the Christian era. Those who were fortunate enough to attend this lecture voted John Shaw especially engaging and instructive.

Pittsburg Spiritualists are looking forward with much pleasurable anticipation to the dedicatory services of the new church, which was recently purchased, and which are to occur Sunday, November 1st. Rev. Austin is to conduct the services and is to officiate during the remainder of the month. The novelty of having commodious and elegant quarters of their own, will doubtless crowd the opening session with many enthusiastic followers of Spiritualism.

Miss Martha Gaston, of Meadville, Pa., daughter of Arthur Gaston, a prominent worker in the spiritualist field, recently spent a few days in the "Smoky City" but has returned sooner than expected owing to the death of her aunt, Mrs. Thankful Gaston.

Mr. C. L. Stevens, our president, is an indefatigable worker. Reports pertaining to monetary matters have been indeed gratifying. The earnest exhortations of the president have stirred and animated many of the diffident and hesitating members of our society to contribute liberally in support of the new church, therefore we should be appreciative enough to acknowledge his tact and managerial ability. More anon.

SUCCESS.

'Tis the coward who yields to misfortune;
'Tis the fickle who change every day;
He is foolish who wins half the battle
Then throws all his chances away.

There is little in life beyond labor,
And tomorrow may find that a dream;
Success is the bride of Endeavor—
Good Luck but a meteor's dream.

The time to get first is when others
Show signs of beginning to tire;
For the contest is keenest at closing,
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—John Trotter

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