









## LILY DALE NEWS.

This is the time of the year that we are expecting daily to have a heavy snow fall, but the weather continues pleasant. It freezes at night but the days are mostly fair. We have had a few flurries of snow, enough to make the ground white, but the fair days soon melt it.

Everything is as usual here the people all seem happy and healthy, and contented to settle down for the winter without thought of being lonesome. Many people say they do not see how any one can stay here in the winter. If you have a contented mind you are contented anywhere, and I guess the residents of Lily Dale have cultivated contented minds if they did not already have them.

W. H. Bach has returned from a five-weeks' business and pleasure trip in the west.

Mrs. Grenamyer has gone for the winter having returned to her home in Cincinnati.

Mrs. Foote spent a few days in Jamestown last week occasioned by the illness of her grandson. "Our boy" was much improved, however, when she came home Saturday evening, and no fears are entertained of his future health.

Dr. and Mrs. Hyde have been to Buffalo for a few days, but are home again. They expect to go away for the winter a little later.

Mr. and Mrs. Carver were here for a day last week getting their goods out of their house and storing them. Mr. and Mrs. Hastings, who bought the Carver residence last fall have taken possession.

Mrs. Carter, of Jamestown, spent a day at her home here last week. She called on many of her friends.

Mrs. Lucy Moss has returned to her home at Gowanda.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ross have returned from their pleasant visit to New York City and Brooklyn.

Mr. Rivers has moved his family here and they are occupying the house down by the depot, owned by Mr. Scheu. Mr. Rivers is in charge of the ice plant of Mr. Markham. Arrangements are being made to build a new engine house so that cars can be loaded direct from the conveyers. Unless better rates can be made with the railroad than have been in the past the ice house will not be built.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morse have closed up their house for the winter and gone to Pittsburg. They will go further south for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Cooper and Mrs. Miller-Wilcox left Saturday for Philadelphia where they will spend a part, if not all of the winter. Mr. Cooper's mother celebrated her 100th birthday last week. They have made many improvements in their pretty home Edelwald, and will continue their good work in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wildrick are moving to Jamestown, where they expect to spend the winter.

Mrs. James Champlin has returned from a visit to her sister's, Mrs. Rouse of Titusville.

An earring was lost on the grounds about ten days ago. If the finder will report it to the SUNFLOWER office they will receive a reward.

Mrs. Eliza Page has returned from Canada where she went to attend the wedding of a niece.

Mrs. Pettengill, our genial President, has returned from her trip to Washington where she attended the N. S. A. Convention. Mrs. Pettengill is anxious that something should be going on in a social way among our winter residents and extends the free use of Library hall for that purpose. With this object in view she is going to give a supper to the residents of Lily Dale, for the purpose of meeting with them and seeing what arrangements can be made for the winter work. Every one on the Island should send in their name in response to this kind invitation at once so that she may know how many to make arrangements for. The invitation will be found at the close of the Lily Dale items. Mrs. Pettengill loves every one of the Lily Daleites and let us show our love and appreciation of her and her work by living in a manner that she will not only love us as a community but will also love our ways. We cannot do this better than to turn out and meet in social intercourse for our mutual improvement and to do what we can to assist others and our beautiful Assembly.

Mrs. Evalyn Brooks and Miss Edna

DeGraff of Buffalo, were here last week to visit Mrs. Steck.

Mrs. Dedrick has returned and will remain for the winter.

Dr. Duke and family have moved to the Cooper residence on the road to Cassadaga where they will spend the winter. They are pleasing people and we are glad to have them among us for the winter.

## To Residents of Lily Dale.

All the residents of Lily Dale and vicinity are invited to attend a supper to be given at Library Hall, Saturday evening, November 14th at 6:30 o'clock. Will all of those who accept the invitation please hand their names to the Postmaster or SUNFLOWER office before Thursday and oblige.

ABBY LOUISE PETTENGILL.

## OBITUARY.

Mrs. Celia M. Clark, of Cherry Creek, N. Y. passed to the higher life October 27th, 1903. Mrs. Clark was a regular attendant at the City of Light Assembly. The funeral services were under the auspices of the Eastern Star of which she was a member. Mrs. Clara Watson, of Jamestown officiated.

## BUFFALO NEWS.

N. H. EDDY, Special Correspondent.

Sunday November 1st Prof. W. M. Lockwood commenced his month engagement with the First Spiritual society of Buffalo, at the Temple. The preliminary talk at the morning service was pertaining to continuity of life and the eternal principles of nature, relative to life and human progress, he spoke quite interestingly regarding the realms of mediumship and the varied expressions of same and the different convolutions of the brain, and the results in the manifestation of these forces in nature. The main subject of the morning service was regarding Ancient and Modern Spiritualism, expressing the idea that much knowledge had been gained through study and research along these lines. Prof. Lockwood will give lectures on the principles and philosophy of Spiritualism every Wednesday during November, also will give class lectures each week.

The Sunday evening lecture was deeply interesting and instructive, his subject being, Scientific Facts Underlying the Spiritual Philosophy which have been Overlooked by its Critics. Prof. Lockwood had a large display of mechanical appliances to demonstrate the action of natural forces, proving the wonderful truth of nature and the cosmic processes of same. He gave a very able lecture, full of instructive and interesting thought, demonstrating much knowledge regarding the subject under consideration. A good audience was in attendance and listened with marked attention and interest. Prof. Lockwood is a man of deep thought and research.

Wednesday evening, November 4th, Prof. Lockwood gave a very interesting lecture and demonstration of the art of reading character by the science of psychometry. He is a very close student regarding the workings of nature's forces and gives most excellent ideas and instructions pertaining to same. Class lectures Friday evening.

Mr. C. B. Nichols of Andover, Ohio who was at the Dale during last summer, and held seances there, is now for a short time in Buffalo, at 407 Porter Ave., and is holding seances at that place.

The services at Chapel on Allen Street, near Park, Dr. F. O. Matthews speaker and medium, are reported to be very interesting and well attended.

## WIDE AWAKE BUFFALO.

At the Temple on corner of Jersey Street and Prospect Avenue, Prof. Wm. Lockwood gave last Sunday November 1st, two very fine lectures with demonstrations showing that all spiritual things, were closely allied to and belonged to the material laws of the universe, confirming the well drawn conclusions of many investigators that manifestations from the spirit side of life, are simply in accord with natural law and that Spiritualism is a fact in natural law.

At Florence parlors the same evening Prof. Howland and wife gave a fine program consisting of a lecture and seance of materializing flowers by the armful also producing well defined figures in female dress. At the same date at Sterlings hall on

Connecticut Street, Prof. Chas. Hulbert gave a lengthy lecture to a good sized audience following with tests that were well recognized.

Mrs. Ross, the materializing medium, also on the same date gave a seance to a well filled hall on Main Street. And Mrs. Bartholomew gave to a house full a very fine performance by allowing her spirit guides to talk through the trumpet or an hour or two.

Dr. Matthews at his little church on Allen Street gave two lectures followed by tests to a well filled house.

The Doctor is doing a good work and holds meetings as regular as clockwork twice every Sunday so you see we are not quite dead yet.

J. W. DENNIS.

## What Has Our Environment to Do With Our Lives?

Sometimes we think our environment have everything to do with bringing about our condition. At other times we think they have nothing to do with our lives. We have known children to be brought into existence, and the vilest surroundings, and the first any one would know they would rise in affluence. Then on the other hand I have known children to see the first light of day amid the most favorable surroundings and to have the very best mothers and they would fall into the very lowest vice.

What is the cause? Is it an innate condition or is it hereditary? This subject is as broad as the ocean, and much can be said about it. But from my own observations I do not think we can take our children too young into the home developing circle there to ask a divine power to surround them with the guides to protect them from all that is of earthy.

Are human beings more merciful than the most ferocious beast? I answer, no! most emphatically. A beast will spring upon its prey to satisfy an inner craving for something to eat and always aim at the throat; it will tear the flesh, and lo, the life blood is spilled, the victim falls, the spirit is set to flight and all is over. But oh, how different with the human kind. How many are doing the unkind acts to those that ought to be shielded by them, that will bring tears to the eyes and wrinkles to the face, that is fostering the liar with silver of those they are closely associated with.

But stop, have a care, I believe you just as much a murderer as though you shot down or in any other way took the life that God had given. Therefore you are not as merciful as the beast for it is years of torture.

Young men and young women, look well to the inner self, and see if you are helping to bring the gray hairs to the heads of your parents, or are you steadying their tottering steps down to the brink of the river of life? Whatsoever you sow that you shall reap and there will be a great harvest. What shall it be? If you sow to the wind you will reap the whirlwind. There are many people we meet who do not possess the intelligence of a horse. How are we to account for such conditions. Is it possible that the spirit that is encased within that house on a used a human body for its house or vice versa. How often we see rare plants grow up among the rankest weeds, but in will struggle on and will bud and blossom and perhaps bring joy and gladness to some sad heart.

It certainly is a lesson to us. Whatever our surroundings let us do, our best to fill the little niche we are placed in, and if we will each one try to see the beautiful traits our brother or sister has we will be building up treasures where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt where thieves break through and steal.

Mrs. ADDIE COOPER.

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## EDITORIALETS.

One of our students, Miss Daisy Whitney, of Clear Lake, Iowa, one whom we all loved, and whom we still love, did not fall out with the school, but she rose into love with one of her neighbor boys, a Mr. Willis Osborn, and left the school to embark on the uncertain sea of matrimony. Mr. Osborn has the appearance of being a worthy young man. The whole school joins in wishing the young couple all the happiness that can come from true matehood. Whom love joins together let not discord put asunder.

Our school continues to grow in numbers and interest every week. More intelligent or more earnest or worthy students cannot be found in any school this side of heaven. Our second year students give evidence of having made good use of their vacation. Many of their sermonettes are worthy of a place in the world's best magazines.

Among our this year's visitors thus far are Dr. J. H. Randall, of Chicago, and Mrs. Preston, of Beloit. Dr. Randall was happily disappointed in our buildings and in every department of the school. He felt to exclaim in the language of the Queen of Sheba, "The half has never been told." The Dr. is a fine scholar and an educator—in fact, he is an educator of educators. It is safe to say he knows whereof he affirms. Having been personally acquainted with the Doctor for many years, we were of course glad to see him; besides this, all the school enjoyed his talk which was crammed full of good advice. Mrs. Preston is a quiet, educated lady of Beloit, in this state. She knows what a good school is. She is most hearty in her praise of our school.

Our secretary, Mrs. Clara L. Stewart, is arranging to make a trip east, west, north or south. True to her pledge to our arisen benefactor, father Pratt, she has given up every interest except the school. Paul was never more determined to know nothing save Jesus Christ, and him crucified, than Mrs. Stewart is to know nothing but the Morris Pratt Institute, and it placed where it can do the most good for the world. Please give her a call; she will do you good, and you in turn can assist her in her work.

## THE HIGHER CRITICISM.

It is not the intention to publish all the lessons of The Higher Criticism or any other department of the Morris Pratt Institute, in the Sunflower. The best we can do is to print an occasional lesson in order to give the general readers something of an idea of what is being taught. We may in the next number present in an abridged form the lesson on the Book of Genesis.—[Ed.]

## LESSON I.

What is meant by the term Higher Criticism?

A. The term Higher Criticism means inside Criticism. The terms Esoteric Criticism and Exoteric Criticism, which signify inside criticism and Outside Criticism would sound more euphonious and be better understood. Also the word Criticism conveys a wrong idea; the word examination would be better.

What was the Higher Criticism formerly called?

A. German Rationalism.

Why was it changed from that to Higher Criticism?

A. Because though much criticism originated among the Germans, it was carried on by them, criticism was no more German than it was French or English. Again, the word Rationalism had a hard sound to many who supposed it to mean what is commonly called Infidelity. Also it seemed to imply that those who took no part in the investigation were not rational.

What was the former general Christian opinion concerning the Bible and its contents?

The opinion was that every word

of the Bible was divinely inspired and infallibly true.

Have you proof of this?

A. Yes, St. Augustine, the real father of what is called "Evangelical Christianity," in the Fourth Century said: "Greater is the authority of Scripture than all human testimony."

Prof. Voetius, of the Lutheran Church, in the seventeenth century said "Not a word is contained in the Scriptures which is not in the strictest sense inspired, the very punctuation not excepted."

The Westminster Confession of faith says: "The light of Nature and the work of creation and providence are not sufficient to give that knowledge of God and of His will which is necessary to salvation."

\* \* \* The authority of the Holy Scripture dependeth wholly upon God, the author thereof, and therefore to be received, because it is the word of God. \* \* \* The perfection thereof are arguments whereby it doth abundantly evidence itself to be the word of God, and establish our persuasion of the infallible truth and divine authority thereof."

## THE PENTATEUCH.

What is the meaning of the word Pentateuch?

A. The word pentateuch comes from two Greek words, one is pente, or pente, which means five, and the other is tenchos, which means book. The word means, the five-fold book. The term is applied to the five books which it is generally supposed Moses wrote. Sometimes the book of Joshua is added, and the six are called the Hexateuch, or six-fold book.

What is the chief argument for the Mosaic origin of the Pentateuch?

A. The argument is that Jesus everywhere endorses these books, and therefore they cannot be rejected without rejecting Jesus.

Did Jesus endorse the Pentateuch?

A. He certainly did not. Jesus quoted Deut. xxiv. 1, 2, on divorce, which tells the conditions on which a divorce can be granted; then Jesus follows that with, "But I say unto you that whosoever shall put away his wife except for the cause of fornication causeth her to commit adultery; and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery."

If Jesus quotes the sixth commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," he quotes it to improve it. He says: "Whosoever is angry with his brother without cause shall be in danger of the judgment." Matt. v. 21.

Jesus did not endorse Moses' doctrine of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." His doctrine was, "resist no evil." See Ex. xxi. 24, Matt. v. 38.

Deut. vii. 1-4, teaches us to hate and destroy enemies. Deut. xxviii. 3-6 teaches us not to seek the peace or prosperity of the Ammonites. Jesus said: "Love your enemies, and do good to those that despitefully use you."

The old told us not to forswear ourselves, "If a man vow a vow unto the Lord, or swear an oath he shall not break his word." Num. xxx. 2. Jesus said "Swear not at all."

Did Jesus urge the Jews to search the scriptures?

A. He did not. When Jas. v. 39 is correctly translated, it will read as other translations do. "Ye do not search the scriptures." See Douay and Noyes's translation.

Have we got all the original of the Old Testament?

We have not. In Num. xxi. 14 we read of something which is "written in the book of the Wars of the Lord." In 1 Chron. xxix. 29 we read of "the Book of Samuel the Seer, and the Book of Nathan the Prophet." In 2 Chron. ix. 29, we read of the book of Nathan the Prophet and the Prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and the Vision of Iddo the Seer.

Have we all the books of the New Testament?

A. We have not. Luke begins his record by saying, in chapter 1, "For as much as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which Bro. Francis says. Yes, it is, and if we are most assuredly believed among Bro. Francis, shall we have more about these con-

traditions than he can by any other means.

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Every member of this new Bible Reading Society was pledged to read the Bible a certain length of time every day; then they were to meet once each week to hear the Bible expounded. This society was only one of hundreds now being formed.

These societies were not only to meet in the churches on Sunday, but the head society sends especially equipped teachers to go to the homes of the societies and instruct them in scriptural exegesis. These traveling expositors go armed with maps and stereopticons with which to enlighten the people on their methods of interpretation. The one organization stated that he organized from one to three such societies every week.

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8. Matthew tells of a star doing very strange things at the birth of Jesus. See Matt. ii. 16. Of this star and its queer behavior Luke apparently knew nothing.

9. Matthew and Luke both give genealogy of Jesus, or rather of Joseph whom they deny being Jesus' father; Matthew traces this genealogy only to Abraham, in order to prove that Jesus was Abraham's child. Luke supposes that he traces this genealogy back to Adam. These genealogies are not at all alike.

Q. In what do these genealogies differ?

A. Matthew has forty-two generations from Abraham to Christ, while Luke has fifty-seven. Luke does not trace his genealogy of Jesus through Solomon as Matthew did, but through Nathan. Luke iii. 31. Matt. i. 6. Matt. says Joseph was the son of Jacob, Matt. ii. 16. Luke says he was the son of Heli. Luke iii. 2.

Taking the above as a sample, we are led to ask Bro. F. if he can tell his readers where he can find a place where the contradictions of the Bible can be better taught than in the Morris Pratt Institute?

4. "The Bible obscene."

The Bible as a book is not obscene. That there are obscenities in the Bible is not denied by any one. All books written at that age of the world contain more or less of matter which would not pass muster in highly civilized society today. Those parts of the Bible are quite important in serving to illustrate the growth of the world since they were written. While we do not study the obscenities of the Bible we guarantee that the graduates of the Morris Pratt school will go from it prepared, to, in the most chaste language, expose the obscenities of the Bible and its heroes.

5. "Why should the Spiritualists be called upon to contribute to aid pupils in studying its exegesis?"

Perhaps a proper understanding of the Bible would throw a different light on some of the very passages which are called obscene. It might sound strange to one not acquainted with the matter to hear one say that the book called the Songs of Solomon, if written by Solomon, as has been supposed, is one of the most obscene books ever written; but if written by a later writer to show the all-conquering power of love, it is not obscene, but is a poem grand, almost beyond the power of language to

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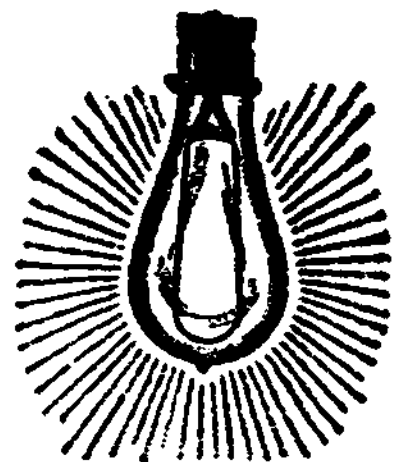
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Ephesians, 12th and 13th verses. The lower and the higher forces in man, the Doctor contended, were always contending for supremacy. Life he continued, was an incessant warfare. The lower nature fighting against the better elements of man; that man should cultivate the best within him and thus destroy the power of the evil force, which desires to drag him down. The lust of the flesh; the pride of the heart all had a degrading tendency to lower man's standard of all that is pure and noble in one's life. The sermon was a masterly one and worthy of a better report than your correspondent gives.

F. Corden White is in Pittsburg, his address is 205 Boquet St.

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## THE PSYCHIC EDUCATOR

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describe. This cannot be illustrated here, but will be demonstrated in the lessons.

In order to further ease the mind of Bro. F. on the subject we will say that the study of the Bible in the Morris Pratt Institute is elective; no one is required nor desired to study the Bible unless he or she wishes.

The last question Bro. F. asks in the paragraph under review is:

6. "Why add another interpretation to the one thousand already existing, thus rendering confusion more confusing?"

To this we reply that if one thousand exegeses have failed to make it plain, — if the Bible is the Spiritualists' own book, and they do not know it, nor how to use it, it is time someone was finding out. It is now acknowledged by a majority of the exegetists that the Bible could not be understood until within the last half century. The excavations made in Egypt, Assyria and Nineveh within the last fifty years have done more to throw light upon that great book than all the work done in the two thousand years previous.

Let us seek for light, and welcome any study, anything that will bring it. A thorough search of all the world's Bibles will aid us much; it will demonstrate that all religions sprang from the same seed.

## NEW AND VALUABLE BOOKS.

The Editor of this Department of the *SUNFLOWER* has received several valuable books for notice; among them, one entitled, "Broken," written by our old friend, George Shelly Hughes. Mr. Hughes is a man of versatile intellect, an able writer, and more than a good printer. This book is new in its orthography as well as in its matter. It will be read with interest.

A second book which will prove much more than ordinarily interesting, is by that original thinker and scholar, E. L. Dohoney, of Paris, Tex. This bears the rather euphonic title, "The Constitution of Man, in the Physical, Psychological and Spiritual Worlds." A glance at its pages convinces us that it is a book of much more than ordinary interest.

The third book is from our old friend, Captain Milan C. Edson, of Washington, D. C. This book has the title, "Solaris Farm." It is a story of the Twentieth Century. As yet we have only glanced at it; but we can sit down and read it through. A friend who spent an hour with this book pronounced it "perfectly grand." These books will all be read at the earliest convenient time, then the *SUNFLOWER* readers will get the benefit of our opinions concerning them.

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## MEDIATION SERVICES.

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son D. Barrett, President of the S. A., of Boston, Mass.; F. Corden White, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. C. L. Stevens of Pittsburg, and others.

The First Spiritualist Church was organized in Pittsburg in 1886, and in 1889 the church was chartered. For a number of years the congregation has been meeting in a hall, for some time held meetings in the hall of Curry Institute. Recently meetings have been held in a hall on Boquet Street, but the hall was not large enough to accommodate the attendance, these being an average of 200 at the Sunday services. Although the church only has a membership of 108. At the time the congregation numbered 180, on one of the services.

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## THE ZODIAC.

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and solstitial points westward in the Zodiac, but in the course of ages changes the whole aspect of the heavens with reference to our globe. When the star Vega shall become our north pole—over eleven thousand years hence—then will Scorpio and Sagittarius be classed as northern constellations, while Taurus and Gemini will be recognized as southern constellations. The time is not far distant, I feel persuaded, when the precessional and lunar regression through the Zodiac will afford us a prevision of those turning points in history by which we shall be able to anticipate the periodical accelerations and retardations in the evolutionary force that governs the race career.

In addition to the solar cycles above noted, there is a series of lunar cycles which likewise profoundly affect the affairs of this world. While the great year of the sun is nearly 26,000 years, that of the moon is 22,572 years, with minor cycles of 1881 years for one sign, and 627 years for the "Naros". The secular advance of the moon is fifty-seven seconds of arc. Great importance has always been attached to the moon-periods by the Hebrews.

The cycles of the Naros was regarded by the ancient Chaldeans as the most important of all the minor cycles in its influence on human affairs, and the time of its recurrence was sacredly guarded by the members of secret fraternities.

Great teachers usually appear upon the earth at the commencement of these lunar cycles. About six hundred years before Christ, Buddha, Sodon and Confucius gave a new impulse to civilization. Jesus of Nazareth gave inspiration and direction to the nations of the west and a new datum from which time is reckoned. At the next Naros Mohammed came and unfurled the Moslem banner over the crumbling empires of the east. And again, when another six hundred years had expired the great Tartar conqueror, Jenghis Khan, inaugurated a revolution in north-eastern Asia, and caused the destruction of over five millions of human beings. Now another six hundred years is fulfilled, and not only this but a series of smaller cycles converge and terminate with the greater one on this point of time, and the conditions are rapidly preparing for the advent of some power—either personal or universal—which shall be the rallying point for the most wonderful era which mankind has participated in since he began to occupy the planet.

The equinoxes and solstices are just entering the four constellations which, according to the Apocalypse, symbolizes the Man, the Lion, the Bull and the eagle; but this last is now recognized as the Scorpion. These were anciently regarded as the four Cardinal constellations, and now as the precessional advances enters therein the race receives a new impulse, and the new psychic waves unobscured through the social mass awakens hitherto latent powers and inaugurates a new era of mental activity. Yet the manner in which each particular race or nation will be affected depends largely upon whether it is moving on the upward or the downward arc in its own special cycle of progress. Those who are on the downward arc will begin to move more swiftly towards dissolution, while those on the upward arc will display a marvelously accelerated movement toward their destined complexities. Every circuit of movement is both periodical and proportional that is, rhythmical and modulating. The two elements in music—periodicity and relative intensity—obtain in all the activities of nature from the vibrations of a gnat's wing to the swing of a planet.

Aquarius is that segment in the circle of the Zodiac where the Great Fulfillment is accomplished. It is the Sign of the Son of Man, the equational sign, the sign of universality, containing the qualities of all the signs, and marks the beginning of the great Solar Year. When the sun enters this constellation at the Spring equinox the gods and the Golden Age return to earth. The nectar of the gods and elixir of life are contained in the Urn of Aquarius. It is the sign where the earth holds her empire seat and where the messenger is crowned. In the morning of that new day just at hand.

The Sun will walk in splendor through the Twelfth Gate that opens to his circuit, But with tempered and abated beams.

The terror of the night will flee away, and In the sky will a wondrous beauty be revealed, With flashes and many colored lights, And mists and clouds and belts Of clear, transparent ether, In which a quivering glory will gleam

As of heaven's white-footed hosts!

## BE LIBERAL MINDED.

Just a Few Words by the Way.

If those who start out to investigate that which comes to man under the title of Spiritualism would leave prejudice by the wayside, and, with honest purpose enter in with others of calm mind and pure motives, they would bring with them the primal conditions which are requisite and necessary for the obtaining of the best results. Every business man, every scientific student well understands these requirements, and yet, how many do endeavor to carry their own and arbitrary conditions into the circle or seance room, and make demands, which, if not granted or complied with causes them to denounce as false and fraudulent all the various phenomena. As well might one demand that the photographer develop the sensitive plates away from his dark room or the chemist to proceed in his operations in ways prescribed by those dictators.

How little thought and how little understanding is brought by these disturbers of the delicate requirements of the unwritten law—the natural law—the perfect law, in the violation of which has so much of suffering and in the investigation of, and compliance with its demands, so much of profit and comfort and convenience been realized by humanity. The dictator is the tyrant who has imposed upon his fellow creatures in every clime, in every line of material existence, the worst of conditions and suffering.

"Order is heaven's first law," is an old saying and beautiful is the expression, for "heaven is harmony in its completeness, and, as we realize and practice in line with this clear statement so is the measure of success. Let those then, who wish to investigate the various phenomena bring into the seance room that kind of manner and patience which is helpful as well as necessary. Those who are boisterous disturb not only others in the circle but the spirits who are endeavoring through the avenues, so delicate, of the unvariable law, to make manifest their desires, and give to us the expressions which shall determine their identity and continued existence. It is indeed strange that in the investigation of the phenomena which alone determines as a fact the continued existence of man's intelligence or man, after the falling away of the material form, so much of disregard of requirements continually manifests; why is it that in these investigations, more important to us than all else we find so much of unreason thrust forward? Possibly it may be among leaders in various faiths, deemed wisest to keep the people in ignorance of the great truths of nature as revealed by Spiritualism, in order to save their "orders" and their livings.

Spiritualists must now realize the greater necessity of perfect National organization, with auxiliary state associations—like the supporting columns to a great temple—for the growth and success of our most holy cause. Let our strength be manifest we must not wait for our orthodox friends to turn their churches into pure, spiritual houses; we must build our own churches. In unity is strength and by quiet persistent work, by regular contributions for the purpose, can Spiritualist temples be erected, as well as the buildings so grand and imposing as many of them are that we find in every part of the world, and whose existence is due to the untiring efforts and unflinching contributions of the zealous.

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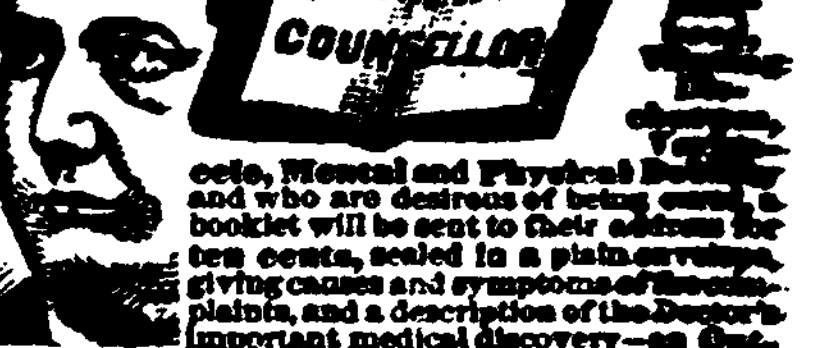
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