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## A JOURNEY THROUGH SPACE.

An Astronomical Fancy.

BY ARTHUR F. MILTON.

While contemplating the grandeur and beauty of the starry universe I was momentarily inspired with a desire to have a nearer view of all that which seemed unfathomable to the human intellect. Not dreaming that such a thing were possible I was suddenly seized with a feeling of surprise and awe, followed by a slight shudder thru my physical organism. This latter sensation caused me to realize what a moment before I could not formulate to myself. It seemed as if I had been in a strange place, and an "Illuminated imprint" of the scenery left on my memory. It appeared as if I had been in two places at once—on my arm chair, and beyond the clouds in space. While wondering at this, the desire to have it repeated, made it manifest in my being. No sooner this desire arose, than it seemed as if my mind was gently being wafted upwards yet leaving me in full possession of my physical faculties here below, and at the same time, as if there was no severance whatever between the two. It appeared as if it were an intelligent attribute belonging to me, being sent off at my command and in full control of being recalled at will, and as if thru this something, I could see and reflect as well as if there in person.

However, when I made this discovery, I felt as if I had just placed myself in communication with the universe, by a most complete system of telegraphy imbued with intelligence—the whole centering itself in my being.

When I found, what it seemed to be, and what I will therefore call my mind leaving me, and going upwards thru the almost black atmosphere of earth, my first impulse was to obtain information on that which I had been craving for.

I looked around yet I cannot say that I saw—it was more an intelligent realization of that on which my mind was directed, than actual seeing, as we do by physical sight; but as I can find no word to express my intuitive feeling, I must say I saw or realized—either will suit my purpose according to circumstances.

Well, the first thing I realized, was intense darkness immediately surrounding me, but at great distances and in almost every direction from me were stars, shining with a brilliancy beyond anything ever seen from the earth's surface—the larger ones appearing like diamond eyes looking at me with an intense fierceness as if vexed at my approach—the accustomed twinkling having disappeared on account of the rarified condition of the atmosphere at this height. The next moment I thought of my earth. In an instance I saw below me a great black ball, lying apparently, peacefully on—nothing. I expected to see her moving away from me at the rate of about twelve thousand miles a minute, but to my surprise realized nothing of the kind. So I concluded that I was still within the radius of the earth's attraction, and was being myself carried along with it. Then I wondered if it were not possible for me to traverse the atmosphere independent of the law of gravity. The mere thought seems to have been sufficient to overcome it, for the next instant I found myself, instead of in intense darkness, surrounded by aawning light. My mind had, by a mere

wish, darted away from the earth's darkness, in a contrary direction westward, and into that portion where the moon was shining in the beginning of its first quarter—indicating to me that I had arrived at a portion of the earth where it was in the early part of the evening, whereas it is past midnight in my portion of it. Looking below, I saw that the black ball had a brighter if not a pleasing appearance. It looked like an immense ash pile.

This strange and unexpected appearance made me wonder and smile but at the next moment it seemed quite natural, for I realized that the moon's reflected light was the cause of it. The solution caused me to wonder how it appeared in the sunlight, and as usual my mind was there. I found myself in the midst of a white blazing atmosphere—the sun shining in full splendor on earth, now an almost white ball, diversified by some grayish spots, which I supposed were forests, and others where the sun seemed to be mirrored which I concluded was water. Being far enough from the earth to view it as a ball, it was impossible to distinguish anything on it in minutia.

By this time I had become somewhat accustomed to my aerial trip, and felt satisfied that I could now concentrate my mind in any direction and to any distance without danger; and concluded to realize more of that which my physical eye was looking upon as mere specks.

The next thought was to visit the moon. In almost the same instant, I found myself within the earth's shadow again; and while viewing some of the larger constellations, which are visible in November, as Orion, Pleiades, Taurus, or such stars as Sirius, Aldebaran, Procyon, etc., I was wafted moonward. Of course, my beeline direction soon brought me out of earth's shadow, issuing from its side, and suddenly I saw the sun on my right below; but not as brilliant, and surrounded by a shining atmosphere, as on a previous occasion. Now I had left the earth's atmosphere, and found myself in space for the first time. What a strange sensation this caused is difficult to describe. The surrounding has the appearance of our atmosphere during a total eclipse of the sun—with the addition that the sun is now visible. Old Sol appeared like an electric light without rays, stationed at the small end of an immense cone. My surroundings were not so intensely dark, as within the earth's shadow, yet I cannot say that it was light—it was neither—and still it had a color; and if labeled, I would call it black—but with a transparency like the colored waters in the drug store windows. Thru this transparent blackness, the stars shone like round glowing balls, some white like the sun, many green, some orange colored, few blue and some red. The moon appeared like a human face, with a flesh-colored tint, peering thru this transparency, and in the direction of Draco, a fiery streak, which it took me about five seconds to formulate as a comet.

Such was the general appearance of the starry universe outside of a material atmosphere. Now, whether space was a form or condition of matter, or matter in a diffused conditions, or whether it was an entirely different entity from matter, I could not realize but that it was something, I was conscious of. Later to judge by my sensations, I concluded it was electricity.

However, I found that in trying to analyze space, my onward progress was retarded; my mind remained stationary for the time being and became puzzled. It proved to me that it was not yet sufficiently developed to understand everything that it may perchance query on—

but it made me think and wonder if space would ever be analyzed by the human mind; and what its component parts were. I saw no mode of transporting a portion of it to earth, nor could I invent any. Finally I came to the conclusion that this mental traveling had to be reduced to an art, before it could be accomplished; and then, no doubt, many, as yet mysteries, would be solved. But, as my mind was only capacitated to report facts as they presented themselves thru experience, I concluded to continue my humble mission, and leave scientific researches and investigations for the greater minds that will undoubtedly travel this route at some future time.

I turned my attention to the moon, and on her fixed my mind. In a few moments she appeared to be approaching me like the headlight of a locomotive, becoming larger and larger, until finally I imagined myself peering thru the lens of a bull's-eye lantern at the light within. I paused to think how this would end, and to better realize my conditions. As I did so, the scene changed. Instead of the almost blinding light, I now saw a great light gray globe before me, on which the sun from my right side, was reflecting itself. It did not have the snowy white appearance which the earth presented in the light of the sun, but I suppose that was due to the lack of the atmosphere around the moon. I then approached nearer to obtain a birds eye view of its surface, but saw nothings except a barren tract; no flora, no fauna; a few, what appeared to me to be dried up oceans and rivers, plenty large crags and crevices, interspersed by peaks, burnt out volcanoes with immense craters—the whole appearing like a desolate country by moon light—the sun having but little power there for want of atmosphere to give it the necessary warmth and brilliancy. Then I endeavored to obtain a glimpse of the other side, but there I found myself in the dark—the moon below, appearing like a black ball; and above, the stars shining with the same steady light as it did within the earth's shadow beyond its atmosphere. This satisfied me that the surface on that side was analogous to the other. I saw nothing on or about the moon which would be of importance for mankind to know, and so directed my attention to our nearest neighbor, the planet Venus. I had hardly fixed my mind on her, before I saw her coming toward me in the same manner as the moon did—only her light was white. In another moment I was within her atmosphere. At first I thought I was over some portion of our earth—so familiar did the surface appear; but at the next moment I recollected my mission and realized my situation.

Well, all that I can say of Venus, is that it is pretty. Cities and towns, mountains, seas, rivers, forests, human beings, animals, etc., were plentiful. The latter, although I recognized none that were the exact counterpart of earth's, were well formed at all events. Her people in general, did not average the size of earth's but were more delicate and gracefully proportioned. To judge from surrounding conditions, they seemed to have advanced to common civilization; and the general style of architecture resembled that of the French and Swiss.

Not wishing to consume too much time, I took in as much as I could at a glance, in order to hurry on to the next planet, which was Mercury. No sooner was my mind fixed on this one, when it began to approach

me in the same manner as the other did.

I expected to meet a similar glare as that of Venus, but to my surprise, it presented the appearance of a bohemian glass reflector. The next moment I was within its atmosphere. The general aspect is not as friendly as that of Venus. The skies were very cloudy; and to judge from the hazy condition, I should say the climate was hot there. The flora was profuse, but I could discover no cities or towns, and came to the conclusion that the planet was uninhabited. I then concentrated my mental vision a little nearer to its surface; and with almost lightning rapidity took in the scenery. Mountains, ridges, seas and rivers were plentiful. Finally something arrested my attention, and stopping a moment to scrutinize more closely, I beheld an open tract, in the midst of which were about a dozen huts made of tree branches. Amongst these I beheld some queer forms of a dark hue, moving about. They appeared like deformed earth people, at first; but a closer examination exhibited a certain grace and intelligent movement, such as only human beings exhibit, and forced me to the opinion, that these were the lords of creation of this planet. The average height, was about three and a half feet, but very stout in proportion to their size—reminding me some what of a large guinea pig sitting on its haunches. They were dressed in nature's costume, but profusely covered with dark and glossy, and curly hair. I wondered if this was Mercury's Garden of Eden, or if only a portion of some savage country. I began to wander off but now at a slower rate, so I could better make observations. I was rewarded for this, for I caught occasional glimpses of animals; but, all appeared dark and savage. Finally, after passing over about a thousand miles of country, I saw another village. The constructions of the huts were different; instead of being square, like the former, they were cone like—but the inhabitants were in physical appearance like the others of the planet. This satisfied me that Mercury was in the infancy of its unfoldment.

Now for Vulcan. I reached this inferior planet in the same manner as I did the others, only that its approach appeared like a great ball of quick-silver coming toward me.

I was soon within its atmosphere. A familiar scene greeted me. The flora was immense, and presented the exact appearance of the illustration seen in geological works depicting the coal period of earth. Knowing that it was no use to look for human life in this region I turned sun-ward.

(To be continued.)

### Star Photography.

Star photography is one of the most tedious operations known. In some cases the plate must be exposed for several hours. During all this time both the plate and the telescope must be moved so that the image of the star will be stationary on the plate. Only the image of one star at a time can be secured unless those adjoining happen to be of the same size.

Who thinks only with his brain and not his heart makes unforeseen blunders. Intuition is a gift of the soul which uses the heart as its mouth-piece.

Human wits are sharpened by the grind of life.

Lusting after praise is the cancer of egotism.

## A SEANCE WITH A PROPHECY

But like Many, Suppressed Because  
Fearing Results—World not  
Ripe for Them.

In the month of July, 1901, Mr. Frank T. Ripley came to my home at Medina, O., for recuperation and rest, and stayed with us six weeks, and while here, lectured twice in the Court House—no other room being available. At the conclusion of each lecture he gave spirit messages, and all to persons whom he had never seen or met, the same being distinctly and readily recognized.

While Mr. Ripley was at my home it was our custom to hold at least one seance a week and sometimes two. On the evening of the 6th of July, we had determined to hold a family seance in which we had expected to receive messages from members of our family and relatives who were denizens of the spirit world. We had looked forward to the results of this seance with much anticipation and pleasure, not thinking that we were to be disappointed by the interjection of other messages which in the end, proved to be of the greatest importance—not only to us, but to every citizen of the great republic.

Soon after the persons present had taken their places in the seance, and all had become quiet, Mr. Ripley the medium seemed to be under an unusual influence. While I had been with Mr. Ripley in many seances before, I had never seen him exercised so thoroly before. This continued for some minutes before a word was spoken by the medium. When the silence was broken he said the spirit of Abraham Lincoln is here and is much distressed over an event that will occur in the future unless thru your aid or thru others it can be prevented. President Lincoln is fully advised of the relations of friendship that have existed between you and President McKinley for years, and he hopes that the President will listen to your warning and that the impending catastrophe we see threatening his life may be averted. But no time is to be lost. Write to him at once, (do not delay longer than tomorrow,) that his life is in danger, that the assassin is already on his trail seeking to take his life and which will be accomplished unless he can be warned and convinced, that he must exercise the greatest care and caution, and surround himself at all times with the proper forces to protect himself. I said, Mr. Lincoln, I will with great pleasure accede to your request, and tomorrow morning a letter will be in the mail on its way to the President warning him in no uncertain way of the danger that now menaces his life. But Mr. Lincoln do you think that he will heed my warning? I have already talked to him of the danger of his assassination, and warning him to be careful and protect himself against all foreseen dangers that were likely to menace him from the hand of the assassin. But Mr. McKinley seemed to think that no one wanted to kill him; that his life had been given for the good of others, and Why, he would say: would any one want to take my life? I also said, Mr. Lincoln were you not from time to time warned that the same danger menaced your life that now menaces that of President McKinley? But the assassin's bullet reached your brain and did its deadly work, be-

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#### MEDIUMSHIP AND ELECTRICITY.

The theory that electricity exists as a third principle in the universe—being the medium between spirit and matter—is almost proven by what we know as mediumship or the spiritual phenomena produced thru the same.

That the latter are impossible without the aid of electricity (magnetism when modified thru human contact) is almost as conclusively proven; for as the magnetism gives out, the phenomena cease.

Now, the materialization of a spirit is such a phenomenon—the effect of spiritual and material conditions interwoven thru the aid of electricity (magnetism). The birth of a sun or universe of suns may be a like materialization—the first-named being but its synonym or a miniature reproduction of its parent operator.

In one it is universal spirit controlling matter; in the other individualized spirit doing the same. But, as there are no phenomena without the mortal medium, the principle or element needed in their production, must exist with that medium; and as all mortals are not available for the purpose, it stands to reason that these so-called mediums must furnish an extra amount of electricity or magnetism—a surplus over that used for personal existence—and, presumably, a superior spiritual to material vibration in his make up, tho not necessarily freed from materiality, worldliness or animalism.

A mortal may have numerous forces or principles, each expressing a virtue, a passion, a habit, a desire, a good or bad quality—spiritual and material sensibilities. But as soon as the former, in the aggregate exceed the latter, he becomes a medium, attracting electricity from nature to the extent of this excess. He thus has a surplus of nature's medium principle embodied in himself, and which surplus is utilizable for the operation of spirits. His so-called mediumship then is practicable to the extent of this supernormal quantity of electricity—which, however, is converted into magnetism in connection with a human life-entity—and we may apply the adjectives according to the phenomena accruing in his presence or thru him personally, whether of a so-called physical or mental order.

Materialization, slate-writing, tests, inspiration, etc., depend upon conditions within the medium. As his forces per se characterize the man, so the relation of these forces to each other characterize his mediumship, just as the relation of elements towards each other produce different effects. In that respect a medium also becomes a chemical laboratory.

Now, whether a mortal is born thus, or elevates himself to this superior spiritual state by personal effort, is indifferent. But whether medium or not, all his forces must attain a superior spiritual vibration over its material or negative vibration to make him a perfected spirit. And while mediumship is a good aid towards this perfection, all who practice temperance and justice may rise to the same superiority—temperance in all things to preserve the vital force needed for the upbuilding of the spirit and justice to inherit a

harmonious vibration with spirit or God, which constitutes the happiness all are seeking; for sensualism weakens the immortal part of man (as it often does the mortal) and selfishness or injustice darkens it, both in understanding and appearance.

To develop a perfect, that is, a healthy spirit body, and understanding of its surroundings is the aim of life here. As mortals already we are seeking power and light, but we fail in our mission as mortals if we acquire it unjustly or unspiritually. No man can gather too much knowledge or do too much unselfish good; and it is thru these two that heaven, so-called, is reached—that being the mediumship of salvation for the human soul.

#### MAN, GOD AND GOVERNMENT.

As we train our life-forces they vibrate. When in harmony with nature we enjoy our existence. When the reverse we suffer.

Injustice is not in the constitution of nature, and where found will meet with opposition whether in the individual or a body politic. Despotism, class-legislation and corruption constitute conditions opposed by nature thru man. Strikes and revolts are the manifestations—the storms that precede the calm. Freedom is the aim of civilization, while Imperialism is slavery in the guise of being permitted by divine injunction. Nature does not recognize such pretensions. A government by the people and in their interest, with purity and honesty as the ruling agency, is the heart's desire of all.

For the citizens to become one with his government and for the office-holder to become one with his people is the natural equation of becoming "one with God," and charity should begin at home. Death is certain, but not good government without effort. If all men were born equal, they should live equal, for they certainly die that way. The three conditions should harmonize, with special attention to the present; for as we live in the eternal present of time and make the best of that which we are living.

If the present is right, the future is sure to be; for as we train our life-forces they will continue to vibrate everlastingly—that is, "as we sow we shall reap."

#### A PSYCHIC VICTORY.

Prof. E. R. Dutton of Lincoln, Neb., who has been engaged in a royal battle of right against might, informs his friends that right has gained the victory—a victory for the [New Thought] movement in Nebraska.

The following is the letter from his attorneys at the time they received the memorandum opinion, No. 129 N., United States vs. R. E. Dutton, the ruling of Judge Munger in the U. S. District Court for the State of Nebraska, at Omaha:

"April 8, 1904.

"Prof. R. E. Dutton, Lincoln, Neb.:  
 "Dear Sir—Allow us to congratulate you on the victory achieved in your case in the United States Court. Our demurrer to the indictment being sustained to every count in the indictment—every allegation therein being quashed. You have achieved a great victory for freedom and liberty of action. It is a landmark in judicial reform. You have put Christian Science, Mental Science, Magnetic Science Divine Healers and all other cults, who heal outside of drugs and foggism, under an everlasting debt of gratitude by your persistent fight.

"Sincerely yours,

"BILLINGSLEY & GREEN AND  
 R. H. HAUGELIN,

"Lincoln, Nebraska."

It is hereby proved that TRUTH is one with the absolute law of Psychic Science which cannot be shaken from its solid basis of positive facts,

Our next door neighbor, the Christian Scientists, claim to have greater temples than the Spiritualists. But how about the camps?

We have a camp at Lily Dale with some 200 cottages of all sizes—from one to four stories high to accommodate the attendance. And there are many such, even larger than ours, scattered all over the United States.

The Spiritualist temple has a blue dome; the sun for its illuminator, and a SUNFLOWER as its crest.

In the spirit of war also rests the spirit of murder.

#### POETRY.

To be a true poet, the soul must be touched by the symphony of love. As the rhythm of language, it might be mated to music, and who is touched by this rhythm is a poet. A subject then appeals to his soul thru a higher sympathy, and sings a hymn that inspires him to attune his lyre to its chords and to listen as the accompanying words are whispered to his higher consciousness.

Thus poetry is the symphony of love—the warblings of nature thru a sympathetic soul or one readily touched by life's rhythmic emanations as they flow from the tiniest flower of the forest or the twinkling stars in the firmament. And he who appreciates this song is also attuned to a higher vibration, even tho he be not a poet. If not of the same grade, he at least, has the sympathy to be affected by its charms as the savage is affected by the charms of music—the rhythm of sound.

In poetry the human soul hears a voice from on high, inspiring it to sense a truth, where prose fails to convince; spurring it on to valorous deeds beyond the influence of other impulses, and touching the better feelings when argument ceases to be of avail.

In poetry rests sweetest consolation for the tender heart overburdened with care; being also a precept for the wayward and a moral for the young. Its rhythmic sound appeals to the senses; its language to the mind; its sweetness to the soul. It is revelation, law and sentiment wreathed in happy combination.

#### N. Y. STATE ASSOCIATION.

A convention and mass-meeting of the N. Y. State association of Spiritualists will be held at Empire Hall, Syracuse, N. Y., on the 3d, 4th and 5th of June.

There will be a business session on Friday and Saturday morning as well as afternoon, closing Saturday afternoon with the election of officers for the ensuing year. Sunday afternoon and evening will be devoted to Lectures and tests.

Among the talent are the best, as may be seen by the official notice in another column.

As business of vital importance is on tapis, it is urged that all who possible can, should attend.

Spiritualists of other states are also invited to attend.

#### JOSH RAMSDELL AS AN EDITOR.

We are just in receipt of a copy of "The Lantern," published at Springfield, Long Island, with the name of Josh Ramsdell as editor. Josh has been in charge of the McClure Newspaper Agency art department for some time and in addition to that now edits "The Lantern." We hope its light will shine on the just and unjust alike until he will have so much to do cutting the coupons off from his bonds that he will not have time to make engravings.

Friends, send us a subscriber, if you can. If not, send us a few names and addresses of known Spiritualists in your town or city, that we may send them a sample copy of THE SUNFLOWER. And herewith we wish to say that the receiving of such a sample copy is a respectful invitation to subscribe. Remember, it is through the press that all living principles are upheld; and if Spiritualism is to be upheld as it should (tho it will never die) every one who has been rewarded with the proof of immortality, is indebted to the Cause, which has made this possible, and the least he can do, is to subscribe to as many of its newspapers as he can afford.

If the souvenir postals simply marked "post-card" are not legal, many people are being deceived in buying them under the belief that a one-cent stamp will take them to their destiny. And if not legal, though sold as such, what would you denominate them? Fraudulent postals? Is it legal to sell such?

One nicker a week from every Spiritualist of any good sized city, paid in to a common fund, will, at the end of a year, amount to sufficient to start the building or purchase of a temple of their own.

The Flaming Sword is about to be revived, and we shall again have the pleasure of being turned outside in.

#### THAT WAR.

And what of the war? And what of any war? It simply shows how far the world is yet from real civilization.

Who is going to win? Who generally wins in the end but the strongest, with very rare exceptions? Might is right in warfare.

If the Japs have foresight enough to avoid extensive land campaigning, some favorable tide might set in with arbitration measures unlooked-for.

Commerce is a great peace-maker and may demand a cessation of hostilities as citizens of a town may do with two quarrelsome neighbors.

Mr. A. Greenback has a letter in this issue under the caption of "Greenback Logic." Now, this is not an article on either greenbacks or free silver, as one may imagine, and pass it by accordingly. But it is the observation of a genuine greenbacker, such as may be found in our swamps, and who has ideas all his own—strictly original and minus plagiarism, from the fact that he cannot read, tho a fine thinker, which thoughts he is enabled to rattle off on any type-writer made; and he does this exclusively for THE SUNFLOWER.

Christians demand of us proofs of our claims, while they expect us to take theirs on faith. Queer, isn't it!

Remember, that Arthur F. Milton now writes exclusively for THE SUNFLOWER.

Somebody suggests a Spiritual Union, why not? 'Tis better than disunion.

#### Friendly Greetings.

Moses Hull writes: Regards to Mr. Melchers. I think he is placed where he belongs.

Susie C. Clark of Boston, writes: All hail and cordial welcome to the Northland. We all have reason to congratulate ourselves as well as you, or your return to civilization and greater activity in Spiritual work.

Mrs. M. E. Williams writes: I have just read in THE SUNFLOWER that you have joined the able editor Mr. Bach and I unhesitatingly assure you both that this connection is a most happy one for yourselves and the fortunate readers of that bright and prosperous SUNFLOWER. I congratulate you and Mr. Bach, and your success will speak louder and stronger than any words I can say by tongue or pen.

J. C. F. Grumbine writes: Let me at this time congratulate you on your first love.

John Guntz, Jr. writes: Wishing you success only to be limited by time, may sunshine and happiness be yours thru the day and happy dreams at night.

Sidney W. Dean of the Boston Herald writes: I was greatly pleased to learn that you were back in the harness again in work, which must be congenial to you.

G. W. Kates writes: I am glad to see that you are on THE SUNFLOWER staff. I feel sure that our cause will be greatly benefitted by your active labors on the paper.

Mr. I. S. McCracken of Cincinnati, besides sending his subscription, writes: Wife and I are glad to hear of your return to the old field. The harvest needs many such laborers; and

The "Flower" that blooms at Lily Dale—  
 The one that sets the pace,  
 By whom all others must set their sail  
 If they would win the race."

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As physical decay vitiates the material atmosphere, love's decay vitiates the mental atmosphere—notably that of the operator.

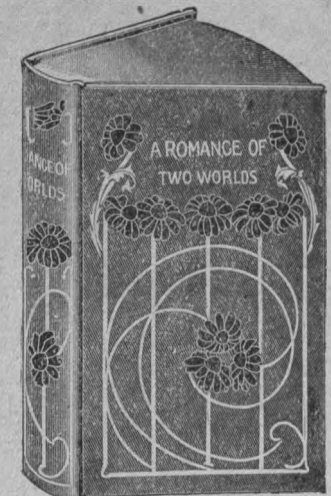
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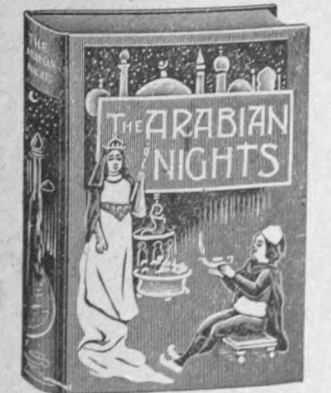
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## LILY DALE NOTES.

The City of Light Assembly opens Friday, July 15th and closes Sunday, September 4, 1904.

As the time is approaching when our summer visitors will write to residents for all kinds of information, we again call attention to the necessity of sending stamps for return postage. One stamp is a small matter; but it does not take long to use up several dollars where there are so many inquiries, many of whom are never heard from again. Just remember that if it is not worth return postage to you to receive information it certainly is not worth it to any one else for the privilege of giving it to you.

Spring has dawned on us to its full extent. The flowers are in blossom in the woods, and the trees are beginning to leaf. A warm rain would now make everything go forward at a very rapid rate.

Men are at a premium. Work is going on in every direction. The cellar under the Grenamyer cottage on Buffalo street is all dug and they are almost ready to begin putting the wall under it. The dirt is being used to grade up the yard and has been also used to grade up the yard of the Hunt cottage just back of it.

While at home, Thursday evening, peacefully engaged with an astrologer to trace out his future prospects, Mr. W. H. Bach, our editor-in-chief, was suddenly aroused from his reverie by a knock at the front door.

Mrs. Melchers, who happened to be near at hand, opened up to a supposed late visitor. But dimly seeing a troop of some twenty figures enveloped in darkness and carrying mysterious parcels, it occurred to him that it might be a neck-tie party come to test his cervicular bone, he retreated—too late, however, to prevent the advance. They rushed in crying "Surprise, surprise!" When it dawned upon him that it was meant for Mr. Bach, who was that day troubled with his 41st birthday, and the neighbors were honoring him accordingly. So the seance was changed from an astrological to a social one, in which merriment, joy and good cheer prevailed—so thoroly impregnating the mental atmosphere with it that no lower order of control could come within 100 yards of the house. The evening passed pleasantly—the mysterious parcels revealing that which added to the good cheer—and it was 11 o'clock before anyone made a move to adjourn.

The addition on the Hunt cottage is now completed and across the street Jacob Wright is putting a coat of white on his cottage.

Frank Fuller is filling the lots around his store and grading up the walk.

Mrs. Anna E. Carter and daughter, Mrs. Georgia Lundquist, of Jamestown, spent a day looking over their cottage on Second street. Mrs. Carter expects to come for the season very soon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Cooper and Mrs. Miller-Wilcox have arrived and are occupying their home, Edelwald-on-the-Lake, near the grounds.

Frank Lewis and family have moved into the rooms over the Lily Dale Park store, and Harry Champlin and wife have moved into the Lewis cottage on Second street.

Men are at work tearing down the old ice house near the back fence, and a little further on George VanSlyke's cottage and yard show the results of his work. J. H. Binney has put a new outside door in his cottage and taken a partition throwing two small rooms into a large one. Nellie Warren has completed the addition on the west side of her cottage, and if we went into details of paint and paper we would include nearly everyone on the grounds. Charlie Wildrick is busy from morning to night hanging paper and D. Pierce is painting all the time.

Mrs. Clarence Ramsdell is visiting at Mrs. Nutting's. Mrs. McClellan of Dunkirk spent the day with Nettie Bowers. B. E. Jackson of East Arcade, spent several days with his father, A. H. Jackson. C. F. Griswold of Warren, Pa., is visiting his son C. D. Griswold, and family.

What came near being a serious

accident occurred at the Grenamyer cottage Friday evening last. The ground caved in where they were digging the cellar and loosened several supports allowing the cottage to hang with one end practically unsupported. Neighbors came to their assistance and supports were placed in position so nothing serious resulted—but it was a close call.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Johnson, who have been living at Jamestown for some time have returned and will remain here for the summer. Geo. Williams came down from Buffalo for a day on business connected with a patent he owns in connection with D. Pierce and another party. They hope to sell it for a fair price.

Captain Martin of Buffalo came down from Buffalo expecting to find the Leolyn open and remain a few days; but as it will not open for a couple of weeks yet, he returned after remaining over night at the Jackson cottage, which is now open for the reception of guests.

The places now open are the South Park House, Jackson Cottage and Mrs. Dederick's.

S. J. Richardson and C. M. Carroll went to Dunkirk to attend the organization meeting of the Cassadaga Natural Gas Company, capital \$30,000, organized for the purpose of boring for and furnishing natural gas in this section. Its officers are: E. L. Fink, president, Harrison Tuttle, vice president, Dr. Regan, treasurer, C. M. Carroll, secretary and S. J. Richardson, field manager. A test well will be sunk in this vicinity as soon as arrangements can be completed.

Mr. T. J. Skidmore has passed several very comfortable nights, and takes some egg and toast in the morning and malted milk during the day. He sleeps more and Dr. Hyde reports him as improving.

Mrs. Waterhouse and family spent the day at the Dale looking over her cottage on Melrose Park.

Mrs. Truman Allen also spent a couple of days on the grounds.

Mrs. O. W. Johnson, S. M. Skidmore and F. E. Cooke were among the relatives of T. J. Skidmore, who have visited him the past week.

Mrs. Dambach of Buffalo, has bought Fern Lodge on Cleveland avenue from Mrs. Nettie Bowers.

The first dance of the season will be held at Lily Dale Park Pavilion, Saturday evening, May 21st.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. White and Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Lutgen were to South Dayton on a two days' visit.

Mr. Jackson informs us that we were in error in stating that Mrs. Dederick's cottage was the only one where meals and lodging could be had during the winter, for several years past. That up to the present winter his cottage has been open for the past six years. When we are in error we are always ready to correct it if our attention is called to it.

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### Greenback Logic.



WELL, here I am again. It took me all this time to recover from the effects of all that talk on Astral Shells, but I have had my experience and I am the most suspicious Greenbacker you ever saw now.

How good it does seem to see the sun shine. I went out on a log and took in two whole days of it, gathered my scattered wits together and then went to THE SUNFLOWER office. You never would have known it. Everything has been changed around and in the editor's corner sat a man I didn't know. After I had exchanged greetings with the others they introduced him to me as Mr. Melchers, the new editor. I looked him over for a minute, then concluded he was all right and asked him how long it would be before they wanted another article. I did not know just how the new editor was going to take to me, but as he did not look fierce or say anything to me especially, I concluded I would write again.

I have had a number of letters since I wrote my last article congratulating me on my intimate information on Astrals—but excuse me. I want to take up a new line.

I am getting anxious to know about the arrangements for camp this summer. Excuse me I mean the Assembly. Now that it is such I want to get into the habit of calling it by its right name. I understand my old friends of the Northwestern Band are to be here. I hope Harry Holby will come, for he really beats the band. He beats for it anyway with that drum combination of his. The dancers will be pleased to know that it is probable there will be three dances a week instead of two as heretofore.

What a change I found since my last visit. The snow was all gone except a little back of the auditorium, the trees were beginning to take on a little green, and the grocer had a lot of maple sugar. I think maple sugar, beats soft soap, don't you? But both of them are signs of spring.

It won't be long now before they will try to catch my brothers with a piece of red flannel and use them for bait to catch fish with. That is a mean trick; but I do think the sucker will be on the butt end of the pole most of the time.

I see that my friend Dutton of Lincoln, Nebraska, has gained his case with the post office authorities after taking it into a high court. That is a good thing for the Spiritualists, Christian Scientists, New Thought people and so on. I keep pretty well posted on that class, and see that altho they deny disease, they still say that it should be reported to the health department when they have a contagious case or that they can call in a regular physician when they cannot diagnose it. The only thing that puzzles me is: If there is no such thing as disease, that it is all imagination and has no existence, how can there be anything to report and what good could a regular doctor do? He could not diagnose a disease that did not exist, now could he? That would puzzle more than a Greenbacker, I think.

I really think I ought to have a new bicycle this summer. This old fashioned one will get me into trouble some day, for the people will think I am a back number; but I am not. I am strictly up to date, even if I do ride on an old wheel. I ride a wheel on the road; but a great many ride the wheels in their heads. They tell me that lots of people could have a new bicycle if they could take the wheels out of their heads and the rubber out of their necks and combine them properly. If they could use them that way I think they should make extra strong double tubes or they will not hold the wind.

Well, after all I am glad I am living in this world of tears and sorrow, and I am glad to get around occasionally and see what the people are doing.

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The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Spiritual Church, Prospect avenue and Jersey street, held a social, literary and musical entertainment on the evening of April 29th. Tests and descriptive readings were also given. The mediums were Mrs. W. Ripley, Charles Hulbert, and Mrs. Lane—all doing well their part and are worthy of commendation for their efforts which were appreciated by the audience as well as by the ladies of the Aid Society. Refreshments were served and a very enjoyable evening passed by all.

Sunday morning, May 1st, Rev. B. F. Austin of Geneva, N. Y., opened services at the Temple and will conduct the meetings during the month of May. Mr. Austin's morning topic was on the "Psychological Crime and the Spread of Spiritualism." The address was deeply interesting and instructive. The evening subject was "The Nature and Origin of all Religions." The discourse was able and full of suggestive thought. His illustrations and comparisons were well chosen and concluded with excellent points. The audience listened with marked and absorbing attention.

The progressive pedro party under the auspices of the P. R. C. Club of Buffalo, was held at the residence of Mr. Frank Schneider on Tuesday evening, May 3d. About forty persons were present to enjoy the social games. Prizes were duly awarded. Aside from games, there were music and dancing. A bountiful repast was served by the genial host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Schneider, who put forth much effort to make the evening an enjoyable one. The members of the Club extend their hearty thanks and appreciation to the aforementioned for their hospitality and courtesy. The next pedro party will be held May 23d, at the home of Mrs. Welch, 583 Best street.

The meetings Sunday evenings at the Allen Street, society, Dr. F. O. Matthews, speaker and medium, are largely attended, the church at times is hardly large enough to accommodate all who seek admission to same, much interest is manifested on account of the excellent tests and descriptive readings given.

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Let nothing make you question, doubt or grieve;  
Give only good, and good alone receive;  
And as you welcome joy, so welcome pain,  
That which you most desire awaits your word;  
Throw wide the door and bid it enter in.

Speak, and the strong vibrations shall be stirred;  
Speak, and above earth's loud, unmeaning din  
Your silent declarations shall be heard,  
All things are possible to God's own kin.  
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in N. Y. Journal.

## POSITIVE THOUGHT.

Some one has given as a definition for positive thought—Equipment. I think it was thru Mr. T. G. Northrup at the Prentice Mulford club I heard it. However, the thought struck home. "Equipment"—No one of us could accomplish were we not first equipped.

The carpenter has his equipment, the day laborer his; the minister, the lawyer, and so thru a long list.

What have you? Why, positive thought is your equipment. And how are you accomplishing? I'm talking to you. "Only fairly"—then there's something wrong with your equipment—you have not got in one of the right positive thoughts. Now, mind you, it is not only one good thought that you must hold, and hold half a dozen shrinking, doubtful ones besides. No, indeed, you must hold a whole bouquet of sweet, strong, successful thoughts. There must be a combination of thoughts which preclude the entry of any but those which hold the key to Rightness, Harmony, Joy, Health and Success.

You can't hold the thought "I can accomplish my desire" then weakly add "if I can hold out long enough"—and expect to realize. How can you? The little word "if" has weakened your whole thought. Haven't you seen children build a house of blocks, get it almost finished, then pull out one of the lower blocks? It doesn't always follow that the house collapses, but does follow that it weakens it? Sometimes it is very hard to get that block back, and the youngsters have to tear down their house and begin anew.

Just so with you. "If" is the block pulled out, which weakens your whole structure of thought, sometimes so much so that you have to begin anew—and then you say "O, this New Thought doesn't help me so very much. I can't get anything out of it."

How much do you put in? There are lots and lots of people I know—dear, sweet people, who think they are New Thought from head to toe, but, bless you, they've only got one or two of the right thoughts—the rest are all doubts, fears, and questionings. They are the ones who can't get anything out of our beautiful philosophy simply because they don't know how to put in.

If they had their equipment, their combination of right thoughts, which after all resolves itself into just one—rightness—they could accomplish just what they would.

But, dear friend, don't go rushing after the result first. Just wait. Get your combination together first, and keep them together until every fear thought, every worry thought, every adverse thought, is banished, then when you know yourself strong enough, band them together under the one thought Rightness, and there you are.

About this time you will begin to realize, to attain, and seemingly without effort. The result comes when it is right and opportune—not before! Just be sure you are thoroughly equipped, and that you have not the wrong tool with you—should you have, you know, it would only mean delay; just so much longer before you reap. Look your tools over each morning, see

that they are bright and shining, and then go out to your work, radiant, joyous, confident and successful. You'll win.—Grace Adelaide Kiersted, in Mental Advocate.

## WORRY.

Worry is the nightmare of human life—a dream-illusion of something objectional approaching and near at hand, where really nothing is, and usually nothing is to be. It is seldom that one actually worries about anything real. Indeed, philosophically stated, this never occurs. The object of a state of worry is never quite at hand. It is anticipated, with fear, and this is why the dreamer worries. When the expected action or condition arrives, if at all, active dealing with the condition causes the worry to cease. Many times perhaps in most cases, the arrival of the expected condition shows no cause for worry.

Worry is a state of uncertainty, of unrest, of doubt and lack of confidence. It is never present with the self-confident. It is therefore a negative condition, and its right remedy comes thru cultivation of a positive state of mind that shall stand guard at the door against all doubt and distrust of the powers that are always at work underneath the surface to help every mind that trusts them.

The stress of life in this overwrought age, that seems to hold us all under bans, in both business and social ways, leads many to look upon worry almost as a duty. They consider it a necessity and feel compelled to do it. If I don't worry I can't keep my end up; I should never fulfill my duty to my family. I am obliged to worry. I cannot accomplish enough work and transact business shrewdly enough to gain the desired end unless I worry constantly. These and similar arguments are heard on every hand. The reasoning is fallacious and the state of mind which leads to it is necessary abortive. It thwarts its own purpose.

Worry is not constructive, but, on the contrary, it invariably destroys the force of every faculty involved. It always rests upon fear and fear undermines both faculty and force, rendering all powers less active and less likely to succeed.

What you cannot do without worry you cannot by any possibility do with or by means of it, is an adage worth remembering. It is absolutely true. That which one dreads, and fears will come to him, he worries about while he fears it. When anything occurs to banish his fear of it his worry goes with a "hop-skip-and-a-jump" and vanishes instantly. Fear never accomplished anything yet, and never will. It is a coward and a sneak. To worry about that which you fear, therefore, is to place yourself in the same negative position as the fear occupies, which deprives you of all the confidence, courage and resolution necessary to conquer the difficulty if perchance it does arrive. Also this state of mind acts as a psychic influence to draw to you the very condition that you fear; and if you continue the action, you may produce, thru the psychic response of other minds, the very condition about which you unnecessarily worry.

This does not mean, however, that we should be indifferent or neglectful of duty. That is quite another affair. The duty is to be recognized and whatever difficulties may arise are to be courageously met. The necessity for attention and careful thought is fully recognized in this argument and its urgency admitted in the face of any impending action that might prove derogatory to one's interests. But that worry is necessary, or can be helpful under any circumstances or is ever warrantable in such cases we strenuously deny.

Any degree of worry is only an encouragement of fear, of which it is the "shade." It unfits the mind for clear thinking on the subject and so wrests from the otherwise strong right hand man's only weapon of either offence or defence. The mind that is The Wise Man.—Wise Man.

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Love is the last command, given by the Nazarine: "Love ye one another." (St. John, chapter 13, verse 34.)

From the experience that Jesus had passed thru he knew that it was the natural tendency of human beings to say and do unkind things to each other, therefore he left this command with his disciples.

But who are the disciples? Methinks I hear the reply, John, James, Peter, etc., until the twelve men that were closely associated with him were mentioned. But these were the men he chose to form his battery, in order to be able to perform the miracles. They were harmonious and in sympathy with his works, and when he was in company with skeptics their love and sympathy gave him needed strength. Are not we, who are trying to obey the command, just as much his disciples now as the twelve were of old?

Dear brothers and sisters let us each try to say kind things, that will bring joy to the heart and a smile to those we come in touch with, for by helping others we are helping ourselves. We are building a home in the Summerland, each one must rise or fall by their own efforts. If we have anything to give for the uplifting of humanity let us not wait until our tongues are stiff and our hands are folded, to give the lawyers a chance to get a portion; but do what we want done while capable of managing our own affairs.

How strange it seems that those who have friends over in spirit life can laugh at anyone that speaks of spirit return. I wonder if they can stand beside an open casket with all there is left of the earthly, and laugh. Can they go to the cemetery and stand by the grave of what holds all there is earthly of their friends and laugh? But perchance they meet a medium who can see clairvoyantly and recognize the spirit forms coming near them—what comfort to know the near one lives! But let us make little sacrifices, and see what the result will be. Many families would be made happier if Johnny were taught that Dick had equal rights with him; that Kate has a different temperament from Susie, therefore needs different conditions; that the husband has individual rights that should be respected; that the wife is a companion instead of a drudge; that she chose her associates before she married and is capable of doing so now. And sisters, above all, draw the veil of charity over the seeming faults of your own sex, and remember that with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

## Human Possibilities.

Feebleness of body may be accompanied by activity of spirit but not vice versa. A spirit or mind, enfeebled by an uneasy conscience or a secret vice, reflects compatible conditions on the body—robbing it of energy, courage or that influence which commands respect, and harvests suffering or trials accordingly. If man had the spirit of the hornet with its anger neutralized for a purely mental or psychical effect, both his soul and physical powers would be compatibly active or strong. But past misuse and perversion of his inner life forces have made him one of the weakest of planetary creatures.

Furthermore, if man in general knew how to elicit truth from nature by inspiration or controlling himself, history would soon cease to repeat itself for a warlike effect, despite the causes that are being constantly instituted for results as in the past.

The concentration of wealth has always been followed by the concentration of power; subordination of the masses; control of life's necessities, mental slavery, etc., and will continue to engender evil results unless mankind invents causes that have better effects than bloodshed in counteracting them. If the aim of mind is to control matter let it be en masse as well as individually—a mental army against the material—without disturbing the good that obtains.

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## ARE SPIRITUALISTS LITERARY?

Some Cogent Reason Advanced on this Subject.

LIDA BRIGGS BROWNE.

Much attention has lately been given to the question why more Spiritualists do not take their own papers, and one editor concluded that either the number of active pronounced Spiritualists had been greatly exaggerated or else they took no interest in their literature. He doubted if the five leading Spiritualist papers altogether had an actual paid circulation of 20,000 to separate subscribers, as many read their friends' papers instead of subscribing themselves, while some took three or four papers.

In order to get light on this important subject I have asked several acquaintances who have been in the ranks for forty years and over, why more papers were not taken by those who know that Spiritualism is a grand truth. Some of the replies were: Because it was unpopular—Poverty—Lack of interest in the principles underlying the phenomena—Because many in the ranks were not spiritual—Because the fear of the future was taken away and they knew they would not perish or suffer eternal torments—Because of selfishness—Lack of intellectuality, &c. &c.

I cannot agree with all of these statements tho they may be true in individual cases. As a class, I believe the Spiritualists are intellectually and morally above those held in bondage by fear, for the former know their spirit friends are with them and can discern every thought and know of every act. Poverty cannot account for the lack of interest in subscribing for papers, for the most expensive of our publications is less than five cents a week. Lack of interest in searching for principles can hardly account for the small number of subscribers, for when the mind gets an inkling of truth it wishes to search deeper into the mysteries surrounding manifestations. To my way of thinking the main reason is the unpopularity or lack of knowledge of the masses that causes many who would like to take a paper from doing so.

For several seasons I have represented one of the oldest Spiritualist papers of the country at various camp meetings. When I have requested people to subscribe I have received replies similar to these: "Why, I would not dare to have such a paper come to my home. If my friends should see it they would think I was crazy." Another would say, "It would injure my husband's business. I would like to take all the papers but cannot. We come to the camp every season and get all the messages and inspiring thoughts that we can and they have to last us until the next season."

To the fearless ones who care not for ostracism and being misunderstood by their neighbors and friends their excuses may seem trivial, but to those living in a small community where prejudice rules it is a very important matter. The question then arises, "How can these conditions be remedied so that those who would gladly take the different Spiritualist papers can do so without fear of ostracism?" The answer comes, "Spread the light; correct the wrong impressions of our beautiful philosophy and place truth on the pedestal where error now sits."

Suppose the various Spiritualist papers sent out groups of workers to represent its interests as I outlined in "The Ripening Grain," recently published; suppose a good lecturer, a good test medium, a good musician and business manager visited together every small community and placed the truths of our beautiful philosophy before the people; would it not change public opinion and secure many subscribers? I should like to see the plan thoroughly tested.

The first objection that will arise is, that the papers have load enough already to carry and cannot afford to send out any workers in the field. That may be true, but I believe there are many Spiritualists of means thruout the country who would gladly stand behind such a movement. It would be impossible for them to make a speech, give a test or sing a song, yet the spirit friends have assisted them in building up their financial account and would like them in return, to show their appreciation by doing something to spread the light that has blessed them.

Many wealthy people are among the Spiritualists who do not publicly avow their belief from the same rea-

sons I have stated, as it would injure their social standing to have it known. At their death they try to make restitution by leaving certain amounts in their wills to various Spiritualist societies. If they knew that the various papers would carry on their philanthropic ideas they would prefer to give the money now so they could direct its use rather than leave it for lawyers to squabble over. Agitate the subject and then we will learn the best methods of correcting past errors.

## Abusing Inanimate Objects.

Every object handled by human agency partakes of an aura or a magnetic influence, which betrays to the psychometrist or sensitive the character of the individual whose aura is most potently manifested or which is predominant in that object, whatever its nature.

Fresh from the factory an article conveys no particular or special influence, unless the maker's name is of sufficient power to auraize it which makes him the object psychometrized or "read." But after it becomes the servant of one individual it becomes a part of him in that it receives his impression just as a medium receives that of his or her control. A change in the latter creates a disturbance in the aural condition. It is the same in a piece of machinery, often followed by accidents, unless the new handler neutralizes this disturbance by his will—i. e., by setting his mind firmly on the object and force his own individuality into it as a substitute. But if simply passive the old individuality does not become dislodged and the strange hand only disturbs it as a new driver does a team of horses yet unacquainted with him.

It looks like superstition to see a locomotive engineer patting his engine, telling her to behave or make good time. But to the student of influences it is quite natural, knowing the good effect, magnetically, this has on the working of the various parts—tho the engineer only feels intuitively that it does good.

Love is the force that rules the universe. It is the same law in man that rules when expressed with potency or faith. We can charge a piece of machinery with stubbornness or with complacency, just as we are possessed, or feel inclined towards it at the time of starting, and its operation will hinge on that. If we kick, it kicks back. It is like the return or reaction of a bad or vicious thought. We can not will without thinking, nor vice versa. The two are soul companions. Thus we can make an enemy or a friend of an inanimate object; we can abuse or strengthen it; we can rob it of its polish or make it look new till worn out—all depending on the manner we treat it in the beginning or infusing it with the initial aura or magnetic influence.

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How few flowers ever offend; and how few mortals, comparatively speaking, possess the power of exalting us or engendering that sweet delight within to make us loving or peaceful in heart—to make us regard them as flowers!

Flowers forsooth! Weeds, brambles, thorns in profusion! God's flower garden in chaos! But where is the gardener? Ah, he is with us! His lodge is in our hearts! He sleeps, but awakes at the sight of flowers! And if we could but keep him awake, cultivation would begin forthwith. We are God's flowers—expressed, symbolized, smiling in His many gardens, and we do not recognize our own! God help us to see with our spiritual eyes and awaken in us the desire to become one with our own and bless mankind accordingly!

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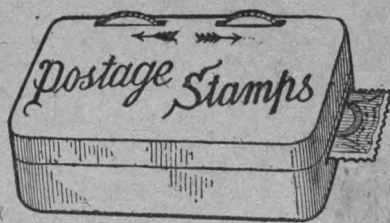
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It is so seldom that a sinner is ever legally murdered that it is well to make a note of every case of the kind. Murderers generally murder sinners, giving them no time to think of heaven or how to attain it, but when the State wishes to murder a person it usually fattens him up and allows the clergy to make a saint of him before it does its work of death. So far as we know in every case of legal murder in the United States, during the last dozen years with a single exception, the law has captured a sinner, then the ministers have applied their theological lotions and cured them of sin—fitted them for good and useful citizens of earth. This being done the law has stepped in and martyred them—waiting them from the rope's end to glory. In most cases this seems to have been the only route by which such depravity and made fit for a residence in the holy city.

Such blasphemous doctrine as the one that somehow, an atonement steps in between a sinner and his acts and enables him to escape his just deserts can have no other tendency than to incline those who believe it to a fatal carelessness, if not to a wickedness which is soul-destroying.

Others regarding that as the doctrine sustained by the atonement idea are led to reject the entire christian system as a purely human if not a devilish invention.

As before remarked it is seldom that a murderer is executed who is not sent directly to heaven. In a late case some of the officers of the law went so far as to urge their victims to, now in the hour of their peril, profess a conversion whether they believed in the church dogmas or not.

It is but a few days since the three bandits of car barn notoriety were legally murdered. Two of them professed faith and took the Catholic route to heaven.

The other one, Peter Neidermeir, had at least one redeeming quality—he was no hypocrite; he would not profess something he did not believe. He was urged not only by the priests but by one of the jailors to at least profess a religion. The argument made to him that if it did him no good it would at least do him no harm.

He had seen so much of pretended religion and learned so thoroly of the hypocrisy of many pretending Christians that he preferred to go it alone on his own hook. He, of course, according to theology has gone to a place of torment. When his death warrant was read to him he jokingly asked the privilege of showing it to St. Peter to convince him that the State of Illinois was a murderer as well as himself.

It has been urged, in behalf of capital punishment that it deters people from crime, but the facts are that never before in the history of Chicago was there so much crime committed, so many hold-ups, so many murders in five days as in the first five days after the murder of the car barn murderers.

St. Van Dine and St. Marx, according to theology, have been supplied with harps, while Sinner Neidermeir is calling for water with which to cool his parching tongue. When will the world become rational? When will it border nearly enough on to the line of civilization to cease to make saints of sinners and then swing them from a rope's end to heaven?

## OUR SCHOOL.

We have tried to avoid boasting, but we have ever believed, as we still believe, that The Morris Pratt School is the greatest thing ever undertaken on behalf of an enlightened Spiritualism. We have known that without exception those who have visited the school and seen its workings were of the same opinion. This one thought, more than any other, has stimulated the teachers and officers of the school to sacrifice not only their time and strength, but in

many instances their last dollar to make the school a success.

A committee was appointed at the last N. S. A. convention to go to Whitewater and thoroly investigate the school, its work, its prospects and its financial standing.

The readers of this article can rest assured that this intelligent and educated committee, after thoroly investigating the matter from every standpoint went away fully convinced that the school is all that we have claimed for it, and that, at any reasonable expense, it should be sustained. After examining our students and hearing a few of their sermons they are fully convinced that the school is a factor as much needed in Spiritualism as is the newspaper, the lecturer or the platform test medium. We do not give the names of the members of this committee because one name has just now passed from memory, and we cannot recall it. Suffice it to say the committee consisted of five persons, as intelligent, as honest and as well educated as our best writers and speakers.

Besides that committee Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond and W. F. Peck were there and saw what we were doing, and were surprised at our work. The same can be said of Dr. J. H. Randall who visited the school and watched carefully all that we are trying to do. The fact is all who see the work the school is doing go away thoroly converts to the school and its methods. We may here add that the committee found the school building much better than they expected. Allow us to repeat that every one who visits the school, from, no matter what motive, finds it better in every respect than they anticipated.

Individually we hope to be spared to do the work begun in this school, and that the present officers and teachers may each one remain in earth life until others more capable—for none can be more honest and earnest—can be found to take their places. When that time comes the writer of this can say, in the language of one of old, "Now, Lord, letest thou thy servant depart in peace for mine eyes have seen thy salvation."

## THE WISCONSIN STATE SPIRITUALIST CONVENTION.

Undoubtedly Rev. Will J. Erwood, the past secretary and present president of the Wisconsin State Association of Spiritualists will send to the Spiritualist press an account of the recent annual meeting held in the Morris Pratt Institute building in Whitewater. It will, however, do no harm to say that, taking it all in all it was altogether the most harmonious convention we have ever seen. It seemed that all came to work, and to work coöperatively for the good of the cause.

Besides the speakers and workers in the State we were favored with the presence of Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond of Chicago, and Mr. W. F. Peck of St. Louis. It is doubtful if either of these workers ever did better work than was done by them at this convention. Not only did their speaking capture the delegates, visitors and those of the citizens of Whitewater who heard them, but they were themselves captured, in so much that they each became members of the State Association. Their advice and assistance was invaluable and was so regarded by all.

If a few who have written against the Morris Pratt Institute, but who have never seen it, had been there, especially at the one session managed by the students, they would have grounded the weapons of their warfare. Even that good and erudite octogenarian, Dr. J. M. Peebles, would have been convinced that homiletics, as developed in the Morris Pratt School, is something more than the "fifth wheel to a wagon," and that many of our older preachers could profit by taking a few lessons from some of our students.

The music, furnished by the school, and the singing, led by the school chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Sanford, formerly Mrs. Burns, would be hard to excel. The spiritual

thought and how to get hold of it and get it before the people seemed to predominate the convention. All reluctantly separated, determined to work with more earnestness than ever before for the cause which called them together.

## THE MORRIS PRATT INSTITUTE.

One more year of work in the Morris Pratt Institute is rapidly drawing to a close. Teachers are taking inventory of the store of knowledge imparted by them, and imbibed by those who have diligently applied themselves to the gaining of knowledge and wisdom. Students are making final efforts to close out their successful year, preparatory to a summer vacation. The officers are endeavoring to reach the members of the association, and all who have an interest in the good work, to the end that they will rally to its support and future usefulness. The annual convention meets in the Institute building on the first Saturday of June. Important business is to be transacted. Every member of the association should be present, with dues paid, and give his support to those who will have the affairs of the school to look after, by virtue of their appointment.

When the trustees, whom Father Pratt selected, organized themselves into an association admitting members from the people at large, the property vested in them, passed into the hands of the association. The original board of trustees became directors, and as long as they can or will serve, remain in that capacity, but as they drop out from any cause, the association, in convention assembled, elects their successors, always keeping the number full—nine in all. Two directors are to be elected this year. All who have the good of the school at heart should be present and make their selection. Other matters of importance will come before the convention. Remember the date—first Saturday in June, at the Institute, in Whitewater.

CLARA L. STEWART,  
Sec'y M. P. I. A.

## IDEALS.

"The value of an ideal," was the subject of a lecture, delivered in this city one night this week, by Wm. J. Bryan, the man who has endeared himself to the hearts of many American citizens, by his staunch adherence to his ideals, which whether we adopt or not all who listened to his eloquent words, are agreed that they will do much for the good of humanity and the rounding out of life, if faithfully adhered to.

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We each have an Ideal, we work towards it, no matter what it is. The mechanic works towards his. If it is high, he becomes a master. The merchant towards his. If it is to excel, he usually reaches it. The teacher strives to reach the pupil, the public man works toward his ideal whatever it may be. Whether to serve the people or enslave them, and whatever that ideal may be the man is shaped to its image.

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These sufferers may have had the highest ideals possible for them to

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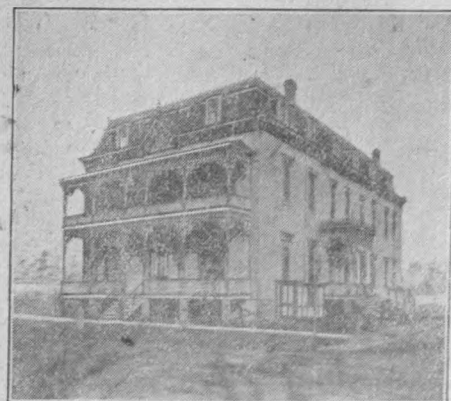
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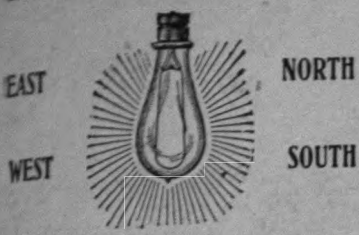
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Lyman C. Howe is in Grand Rapids, Mich. and may be addressed for week evening lectures during May at 81 S. Division street. He is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Potter, true, intelligent, upright and level headed Spiritualists and a credit to the cause, and what we say of these good people may be also be said of the guest—like attracting like.

B. F. Randell, lock box 85, Soldiers Home, Danville, Ills. wishes Spiritualist correspondents for mutual improvement and exchange of ideas.

G. W. Kates and wife are holding successful meetings at the Park St. Academy, Norwich Ct., Music, lectures and tests constitute the program. They are engaged there for the month of May, and may be thus addressed.

Dr. Beverly, of Chicago, writes: "We have opened and, dedicated our new hall, across the street from the old one. It is the Arlington Hall, and will hold twice as many as old Lakeside. We shall have our house warming and next party Saturday evening, June, 4th. when we invite you all to spend an evening with us and help magnetize it and fill it full of harmony and love, 20 mediums will be there in booths provided to give you a short reading with every ticket till 9.30 when the dance will begin. Walter De Voe has been secured for Sunday evening, to lecture upon the highest spiritual topics, of the day. The mass meeting in the afternoon will be free for all to come and take part and enjoy. Booths are filled with palmists and mediums who will give readings from 2— to 10 P. M. All are welcome. Come often."

George W. Kates and wife are serving the Norwich, Ct., Society of Spiritualists during May. They are engaged for camp next as follows: Lake Pleasant, Mass., Grand Ledge, Island Lake and Vicksburg, Mich., and Lynn, Mass. Their permanent address is: Thornton, Delaware Co., Pa.

D. Feast of Baltimore writes: Dr. N. F. Ravlin, pastor 1st. Spiritual Church lectured Sunday 8 p.m. April 24 taking for his theme: "Spiritualism and the Question of Amusement." He said in part that the philosophy of Spiritualism has no desire to take from man anything that will contribute to his happiness and comfort whilst here in the mortal, the question of theater has always come to the front in the midst of our orthodox friends. We as Spiritualists recognize the legitimate drama. We recognize in it something that has a tendency to elevate and not depress a man. Of course, those are plays and actors that it would do well to banish from the boards. Blood and thunder-plays of that sort always leave a bad influence behind, but we would not condemn theater-going because a few of its principles prostitute their talents. It is the abuse and not the use of the legitimate drama that we condemn. The Ladies Auxillary connected with the church gave a box party in the lecture room of the church Monday night, April 25th to a fair gathering considering the state of the weather. Quite a handsome sum was realized—the object of the party was to get the people together and become acquainted.—H. D. Barrett, Esq., president of N. S. A. will serve the church for the month of June.

Mrs. May Pepper has just closed a very successful month's engagement with the Philadelphia Spiritualist's society. This is said to be

her last season of travelling as she is to have the pastorate of a Spiritual church in Brooklyn in the early fall, where she is to locate permanently.

Mrs. A. Cooper of Syracuse, writes; Harrison D. Barrett, delivered a lecture in Dr. Butterfield's Hall, the subject being, "Blackbirds fly in Flocks while Eagles soar alone." Your correspondent will not attempt to give even an outline of the lecture, for only those that have listened to one of his lectures, can have any idea of its true value, while those that have not heard him have missed a rare treat. He left for Washington, D. C., May 1st, to attend a board meeting of the N.S.A. but was to be with us again the next Sunday. May the N.S.A. ever prosper and may brother Barrett improve in health, happiness and prosperity is the wish of all his friends.

Secretary E. C. Simpson of Rochester, N. Y., writes: The First Spiritual Church has been gradually progressing since January 1st, 1904. April 25th, and 26th, we had a rally meeting and N.S.A. President Harrison D. Barrett delivered most interesting lectures both evenings. He is certainly a grand inspiration to all who listened to him. We are anticipating his return next month, when we hope to have another rally meeting. We are also expecting a visit in the near future from the state president. We have a very enthusiastic board of officers, and are looking for constant progression.

A. M. G. Wheeler writes from Spokane, Wash.; I arrived here on the 24th, day of March from Montreal where I have been laboring for the cause since Christmas day. I found many investigators here and few Spiritualists. Mrs. Heckman of Tacoma, was here and officiated as pastor of the First Society for some time; and without doubt is a splendid speaker, as well as a good medium. Last Sunday night I had the pleasure of listening to the president of the state Spiritualist association of Washington. Her name is Frances A. Sheldon, her address is 911 South E. Street, Tacoma, Wash. She is here in the interest of the cause, and the campmeeting at Surprise Lake, near Tacoma. We find in her an efficient worker, most excellent inspirational speaker and platform test medium, and all that constitutes a charming lady. My work as a phenomenal medium is not much appreciated, as they are not used to phenomena and physical manifestations of the nature in which mine takes place. The president Mrs. Jenny French, of the local society, is an estimable lady and is doing all she can for the cause.

Frances E. Bonney, Sec'y 1st, Spiritualist society of Conneaut, O., writes; During the fulfilment of F. Corden White's recent engagement with our society, an incident occurred which proves the value that positive evidence of the continuity of life possesses for those whose hearts "long for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still," as also for the materialist who believes that death ends all, and of the power of Mr. White's clairvoyance. At an afternoon service, Mr. White gave a description of a spirit—a young man from the unseen world, who stated the nature of his illness, described the room in which he lay, giving several minute details in connection with the scene besides a loving message to his parents with his full name, and then designated a stranger in the hall as the one to whom this message was given. At the close of the service this gentleman arose, stated that he was not a resident of the city, but an entire stranger to Mr. White; that the descriptions, name, etc. given, were absolutely correct, and thanked Mr. White for contributing his share in opening his eyes to the truth of spirit return. He gave his name as George L. Campbell, publisher of the Kinsman News. Mr. White afterward received a letter from him which was read at the next meeting, and in which he stated that he was willing to be used as a reference at any time. This incident made a profound impression upon the audience, which was composed largely of thinkers and investigators. Such testimony, by tongue and pen, of prominent people, not only incites to investigation of the phenomena, but often leads thoughtful people to study the philosophy, and thus are disseminated the glorious principles of the philosophy of true Spiritualism.

Mrs. Louise E. Zimmerman, secretary, writes from Elmira, N. Y.: The interest here still continues and the meetings have been well attended,

but owing to the opening of the summer attractions which take place this month, and which call the people in different directions, it was deemed best to close the church for the summer at the close of the engagement of Mrs. Kate R. Stiles of Boston. But arrangements are being made to hold weekly meetings during the time the church is closed, at which the developing mediums will take an active part. Sunday, May 1st, Mrs. Stiles closed a very instructive and successful engagement with the society in the city, leaving a void no one but she herself can fill in all our hearts. Those who know and have met her need not be told of the spirit of love which dominates and emanates from her "Temple of the Living God," and the messages of knowledge and comfort given forth from her storehouse to seekers and skeptics alike. During the season we have enjoyed the voicings from the spirit side through the mediumship of some of the best talent obtainable, and each one, like the many fragrant flowers of earth, has left a lasting fragrance and memory in their wake. May they and all other sincere, earnest workers be spared to earth with the messages of truth to humanity for many years to come.

Mrs. Emma A. Newton, of Glens Falls, N. Y., writes: It is with pleasure we welcome our sister and tireless worker, Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, who has served our society every April and November for the past ten years. But this present month has shown so marked a growth, and the earnest manner which has carried the truth home so forcibly to many who have heretofore ignored our beautiful religion, that I deem it but a just tribute to speak of this month's work especially.

The week night seances have been attended by those who came not for the amusement or from curiosity but from a desire to learn of friends and the more sacred ideas of spirit life. We bid good bye now, feeling assured that when November comes again, she and all will realize a harvest from this month's labor. Our society has been re-organized and now stands on a firmer foundation than it ever did before. Our president, M. B. Little is teaching what Spiritualism means, not only to him, but the good it will do to all who investigate and accept truth, and learn of his and others efforts. Spiritualism in Glens Falls is looked upon as a religion and is respected accordingly. Why may not every community find one man or woman who will stand, even if alone for a time, for this truth, and by so doing, bring others into the light. We hope every place ministered unto by our sister, may find as responsive a people and the wishes for her success as earnest as the First Psychical society of Glens Falls.

O. L. Harvey of West Lafayette, Ind., writes that Mr. and Mrs. Sprague is with them this week.

Wm. H. F. Coates of Chicago writes that Rev. Moses Hull will lecture for the Church of the Spirit May 15 and 22, both afternoon and evening. His subject May 15th will be "The World's Bibles and How to use them," 8 p. m., "Spiritualism the Worlds only hope." On this date the only noted cellist, Paul C. Beebe, and H. B. Maryott, Chicago Musical College, accompanist, will furnish the music.

May 22—3 p. m. The Resurrection of Jesus in the light of Modern Spiritualism, 8 p. m., Biblical and Modern Spiritualism Compared. The gifted soprano, Alice L. 'Hommadon, will sing some of her beautiful songs on this evening.

On account of their extra expense our admission fee will be 15 cents for May 15 and 22, other days 10 cents.

## OBITUARY.

Mr. Roy Bartholomew, aged 68 years, was called to take his departure from the physical body, on April 10th, caused by falling from a roof which injures the spirit was unable to overcome. He was a resident of Geneva, Ohio, for fifty years; was a staunch Spiritualist and welcomed the change. He leaves a wife, brother and sister. His loved daughter welcomed him to the ethereal home where a father, mother and many were waiting to receive him. Mrs. Carrie Firth Curran of Toledo, O., officiated.

We are blind to our own faults because it is natural to forgive those whom we love best.

Tradysm is deceit under a mask.

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have in their positions, but on account of birth, locality, nationality and other like matters, were powerless to reach the desired position. I have in mind a Porter on a thru train from New York to Chicago in which I had passage from Washington, last fall. My being alone he very kindly offered me any assistance he could give, and as he sat during spare moments apparently studying, I ask him what course he was taking? He told me he was a native Cuban, the author of two books in the Spanish language, which he showed me, but not an English scholar. He was endeavoring to master that language thoroughly enough to translate it for ready use, into Spanish. He had gained wonderfully. His ideal and ambition was to be useful. "But" said he, "the customs of the people are so unjust it will never be possible for me to reach my highest ideals. You see I am color cast, I must always be a Serf among so-called white people, altho it is no fault of mine, and I had no chance to choose." I will add, he was scarcely a shade darker than myself, yet he was debarred from even that car except as a servant, while I rode as a passenger, free to command his services. Was his ideal of less value than those of other cast? And how can these things be reconciled and harmonized? They show us the true values, for we become conscious of the fact that it is life. To those who would work for their highest ambition, comes the conviction that in gaining it, life itself is involved. It is the real standard of value, and all absorbing.

How necessary then that our minds and hearts be turned and attuned to those things which bring to the world wisdom, justice, peace. Wisdom to establish an ideal that shall heal in justice with the world, and bring about that condition of peace which will effect all mankind.

We cannot reach the whole world, but we can regulate our individual lives, and send forth a ripple on life's sea that shall swell the waves of thought and action along these lines into a mighty flood; so that people, places and nations will feel their effects. Life will be held sacred by individuals and state, rights will be recognized in private and by corporations. Justice will be tempered by wisdom and mercy—love for humanity will not be an empty name. Let us set up an ideal in our private lives that shall reach this elevation and, consider the value even life, not too great a sacrifice.

CLARA L. STEWART,

Whitewater, Wis. April 29-1904.

## THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Of the New York State Association of Spiritualists.

This convention and mass meeting which is called to be held at Empire Hall in the city of Syracuse, June 3rd, 4th, and 5th, will be a gathering of especial interest to all Spiritualists in the state of New York.

The morning and afternoon sessions of Friday and Saturday will be the business, closing Saturday afternoon with the election of officers for the ensuing year. The evening sessions of Friday, and Saturday and the morning, afternoon and evening sessions of Friday and Sunday, will be devoted to lectures and spirit messages.

Among the prominent speakers and mediums who are expected to be present are Harrison D. Barrett, President of the National Spiritualist Association; F. Corden White, Mrs. Marguerite Gaule Reidenger, Dr. B. F. Austin of Geneva, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, Mrs. Helen Temple Brigham, Miss Victoria Moore, the elocutionist, W. H. Bach of THE SUNFLOWER, and that veteran worker and Spiritualist of Syracuse, N. Y. Dr. Butterfield, and others.

Business of vital interest to all Spiritualists of the State will come before this convention and a rare spiritual feast will be spread before those who come to enjoy the sessions devoted to lectures and mediumship, etc.

We urge that every Spiritualist in the state be represented at this convention either in person or by delegates.

A most cordial invitation is extended to the Spiritualists and Liberalists from other states as well as from our own to be with us.

H. W. RICHARDSON.

## PERSONALS.

S. W.—There is hardly a "best way" to be suggested for spirit communion. If mediumistic, the best way will suggest itself by impression, as it is not for us, but for those on the other side to determine. Any inclination you feel for such a communication will be the one most likely to bring results. But without mediumship it cannot be enforced. Your comfort must be gathered from studying the reason why Spiritualism is here and the spiritual good you can obtain from it. The phenomena only tells you it is true. The philosophy is the part which leads to the truth itself—the condition which is to make you content in the hereafter. By reading THE SUNFLOWER each week, you have a soul seance that will lead you further on to the road of progress than any kind of phenomena you might engender.

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## A SEANCE WITH A PROPHECY.

(Continued From Page 1.)

cause you did not believe there was a human being so low and vile as to take your life. Yes, he replied, I was warned from time to time, and I felt a presentiment that something would happen to me, but I did not believe that there were those so vile as to 'deliberately take my life, and perhaps this was, with me, a fatal mistake. But you must rouse President McKinley to the immediate peril that hangs over his life; and that his assassination, at this period of his public life, would bring intense sorrow, not only to this country but to the world. Send him burning words of warning that will arouse him and stir within him the thought that his life is in peril, and that he must gather around himself all the forces of protection that it is possible to surround himself with.

The deep and earnest plea of Mr. Lincoln as it came from the medium impressed me greatly. I had an impression that President McKinley would be assassinated—would not be permitted to serve out his second term. From this time I was impressed that unless he was most carefully guarded that the fatal blow was not far away, and which proved all too true, not only to the sorrow of his dear friends but to the deep sorrow of the people of a great nation and the world.

During the progress of the seance Mr. Ripley was in a deep trance and when the seance was over he came to his normal condition, slowly and painfully as it seemed to me, and it was some minutes before he regained consciousness, when he asked: What has happened? It seems that some one is going to be murdered, and I feel all unstrung. Tell me what has happened.

After he became composed I related what he had said, and the powerful influence under which he had been laboring; that he had been controlled by spirit of great force and power, but that Mr. Lincoln was the spirit who had uttered these notes of warning, with great force, and with a deep solemnity of feeling.

Mr. Ripley was much surprised at my recitals of what had occurred and been said. He said: The influence under which I was acting came to me like a flash and I became unconscious in my surroundings to all normal conditions of life. He added: I have never been controlled so powerfully before and never felt so exhausted as now in coming out of the trance, I fear the President will be killed.

This impression haunted him for days. As all now know the President was assassinated at Buffalo on a great public occasion something

over three months from the date of seance. After a few days of pain, of hope, and deep and painful anxiety of the people of a great nation, whose idol as the highest type of manhood he was, President McKinley passed to and became a denizen of the spirit world. Since then I have had several communications and messages from him, and all of them breathe forth the grandeur and sublimity of a great soul. Tho compelled to change spheres thru the deadly bullet of the assassin, in the very height of his great fame and usefulness to his country and the world, yet he has never uttered a word of malice against his enemies, or breathed a thought except for the uplifting of the human race both in the earth and spirit life to higher and better conditions of unfoldment.

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Charity obtains only in extending it, not in withholding it; for what else does it imply but forgiveness or being charitable towards those who do not agree with us.

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Sympathy is often aroused in the heartless by witnessing the extreme of their inclination. Human emotion, like atmospheric pressure, is subject to reaction for anti-thetical effects.

A deeper education is required to awaken the soul than that of books.

To seek only the cheerful implies a need that we are unwilling to extend what others may also need. But giving generates its own cheer.

A choice in the game of the life-chase often lies between money and truth. Few are expert enough to capture both.

If responsibility could ever cease, what is the use of a conscience?

Eloquence may inspire to thought, but deeds inspire to reverence.

Intelligence analyzes effects; love analyzes causes.

Success always resembles energy, but the latter without success seldom receives its merited dues.

Viewing ourselves in the mirror of the present generally reveals our personality as having been much smaller in the past. Yet we think ourselves great in the present, seldom realizing that the future may reveal a comparative diminutiveness.

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### THE IGNORANT VOTE.

How to Eliminate It From Our Body Politic.

The only plausible argument I have ever heard against the extension of the suffrage of women is that it would increase the ignorant vote, as well as add to the intelligent vote. Yet the best way to eliminate ignorance in politics is to bestow political responsibility. Many women who today take little interest in municipal or national government would at once interest themselves in public affairs and would give more time to the study of important questions which concern the welfare of the community and fewer hours to gossip, frills and bridge whist.

Besides, the ignorant vote is not such a menace to the good government in our country as is the rich, corrupt vote. Many intelligent voters block all measures for reform and give large sums of money for bribery and corruption because of selfish, sordid personal interests.

Many of our so called ignorant women are sufficiently intelligent to vote for their own interests, and the interests of the mother of a family are not always identical with the interests of the father. For instance, many poor, ignorant women would be glad to help abolish the large number of saloons where such a large percentage of their husbands' and sons' wages goes.

Former Governor Adams of Colorado, who recently traveled to Washington in order to give his valuable testimony in behalf of woman suffrage, said in the address he gave at the national suffrage convention that during the ten years in which women had exercised the privilege of the ballot in his state their vote had been overwhelmingly on the side of good government. The woman's vote is known to be a conscientious vote. The depraved women, he said, took no interest in the elections and had to be driven to the polls by the police.—Maude Nathan, President Consumers' League, in New York Herald.

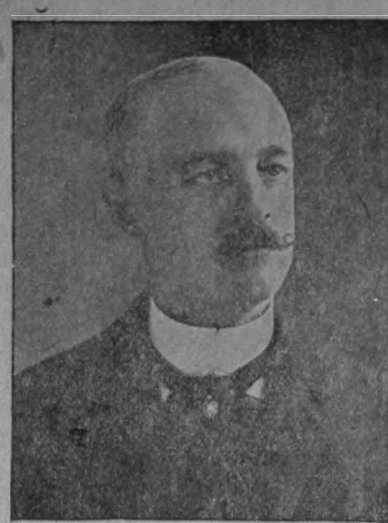
### A SPLENDID WORK.

What Woman Suffrage Has Done In the Australian Commonwealth.

A lady who lives and votes and has her being in Australia, where her sex has full suffrage, lately visited America and gave some addresses. In a speech in Boston she said, "We have found it is better to fence the precipice at the top than to wait at the bottom with an ambulance." So far as working real reforms, municipal and otherwise, the woman who cannot vote can now only wait at the bottom of the precipice with an ambulance, no matter how capable and public spirited she is. All the world lets her take care of the sick and poor. But if she had a vote she could do much to prevent sickness, crime and poverty. Meantime here are some of the things the ballot has done for the feminine sex in Australia: It has established a new department of government—the children's council—which sees that in all court cases children get justice and kindness and a fair chance. It has abolished child labor altogether. In the factories the sanitary conditions have been greatly improved and all the employees get a Saturday-half holiday. In the postoffice department, where women clerks received \$300 a year before they had a vote, they now get \$550. Before women voted women teachers in the public schools got less pay than men for the same work, while now the salaries are the same to both for the like grade of work. Since women have had the ballot the men of Australia have discovered that the world is for woman, too, and that women are somebody as well as themselves. Meantime, while in monarchical Australia women have all their rights as human beings, in the so called free republic of the United States women still wait with an ambulance at the bottom of the precipice everywhere except in four states.

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