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HOW TO DETECT DECEIVING SPIRITS.

Intuition or soul-instinct, is one safe guide—this betraying the status or intention of the spirit communicating by a feeling that something is wrong when the spirit is deceiving or unable to express itself in accordance with truth or justice. But for the mortal to have this soul-instinct he must be free from deception himself—must be honest in his dealings with his fellow-men in order to attract the harmony of Nature, which is then his protection from all manner of deception—intuition being that soul-sense or divine gift which knows truth from untruth without the effort of analysis.

But there are three distinct physical influences—both positive and negative—which all can note (if they are a little observant) and thereby know the exact status of a communicating spirit or control, and judge accordingly.

By their negative or earthly influences, the sensual, selfish and criminal spirits betray themselves thus: If the communicant feels drowsy the spirit is sensual—perhaps unwittingly so in having taken some uncurbed sensual habit with him into spirit life. Even if he does not mean to be untruthful, this condition often prevents perfect expression of thought and needs careful consideration or repetition for correction.

If the communion irritates or provokes, the spirit is selfish, or was selfish in earth life and cannot prevent this discord from acting. What was practiced as a mortal being becomes a law in the spirit; and selfishness embraces deceit or evil designs.

But if the communicating spirit perturbs—prevents thought-concentration, makes restless or nervous—he is arrogant, having misused his intelligence or will for purposes that are criminal, such as theft or robbery (whether in the form of goods or virtue) or anything in discord with natural law. As a guilty conscience robs the soul of its tranquility, so it becomes restless and affects mortals similarly—this disturbed condition of mind betraying what may be known as, arrogance, crime, or a perverted will, and makes the spirit impotent or disorganized compatible with the wrong committed. Thus the nervous or restless state.

On the other hand, purified, benevolent and honest spirits throw out animating, cheerful and tranquilizing influences.

A spirit freed from sensualism animates the communicant; and if intellectual besides, inspires him. One freed from selfishness cheers; and if benevolent or sympathetic besides, fills with joy or happiness. And one freed from arrogance (having purity and love) tranquilizes, becalms and carries with him an influence or atmosphere of peace.

These are the positive or spiritualized influences that should be sensed at every gathering of Spiritualists; and where there is harmony they obtained with results or effects compatible with the cause.

Now, these influences hold good with mortal as well as spirit; and those who can master them, are not so likely to be deceived or imposed upon, unless they feel safe enough

A Message to the Sunflower.

The following message was received by a well-known medium and forwarded to THE SUNFLOWER. It shows conclusively that the friends from the other side of life are pleased with the efforts made to make this paper exactly what they suggest—a paper for the benefit of Spiritualism in all its branches:

"Spiritualists want a paper that represents the 'whole of Spiritualism—its phenomena and philosophy in all its details. Every issue should be a 'chapter in the book of life—a bouquet culled from 'its garden of thought—a miniature cyclopedia of 'its truths—a general survey of its aims—a taste 'of its sweets—a reminder to its readers of their 'duty to self and the cause, and especially to their 'soul-trying representatives, who are advocating 'that cause. May THE SUNFLOWER be true to its 'mission, and it will not lack for inspiration to 'become a shining light in the cause of Spiritualism."

We will do our part—will you aid us by doing yours? Now is the time to help to extend the circulation and thus enable us to carry out the grandest work possible.

THE SUNFLOWER stands for Spiritualism First, Last and All the time. It is your paper—push it along.

to chance it, knowing that they can guard against serious consequences in case of need. But such is the truth that is going to reform the world as soon as it becomes public property. And the sooner it does the sooner we will be freed from deception in affairs political, social and commercial.

THE VALUE OF PSYCHOMETRY.

Not by his exterior but his interior must we judge a man's character. Phrenology and physiognomy betray what is or was in the brain, blood or tissue at birth—an effect of conception, or as the parents were at the time of moulding the young soul. But education, environment, experience, etc., may develop an entirely different being to what it was at birth. Of course some souls never progress, and remain just as they were precipitated into this life. But this is exceptional, and we may see a brute or a murderer originating from spiritual-minded parents, and a genius arising from obscurity or a very common parentage. One may be due to pre-natal conditions—often an effect of but a momentary impulse on part of the mother, or ill humor, intemperance or aggravation on part of the father, superinduced by disappointment, a lodge supper or business troubles; and the other a like momentary high impulse, spiritual aspiration or a longing for truth—probably due to inspiration from a higher source as a future blessing to worthy parents or conditions prepared by spirits for the world's good; as humility or obscurity seems to be the needed groundwork for the making of good men or women. Thus we can not judge the interior by externals. Psychometry, therefore, becomes the only absolute science by which to test the individual, and thus does not lie, though much may be denied thru lack of proof, and the absence of self-knowledge by the one psychometrized. But on the whole, it is reliable, and should be made a factor in all law cases—the sooner the better.

The State Progressive Spiritualists Association of Missouri, issued a call in 1901 for a World's International Convention to be held at St. Louis during the World's Fair in 1903, but this project having been abandoned, a World's Fair Parliament of advanced minds will be held instead. The meetings are to take place in the auditorium tent at the Canvass Cottage City, north of the World's Fair. For particulars see advertisement or address Dr. E. H. Green, 518 Commercial Building, St. Louis, Mo.

The endeavor to be right is self-suggestive towards becoming so, in that it engenders inspiration of that which is right.

TESTING THE MEDIUMS.

This question seems to come to the surface semi-occasionally like a panic, or upon the discovery of some fake having robbed our mediums of their reputation. Thus the clamor for certified mediumship, which demand honest mediums naturally resent.

Of course, should this demand obtain, and mediums refuse to be tested or to exercise their gift for the public cause on account of this demand, what then? It would be something like the play of Hamlet with the principal character removed.

But still, there is a way of settling this matter without the personal investigation that some cry for and perhaps to the satisfaction of all concerned.

It is a fact that mediums are being constantly tested in public by skeptics and still give wonderful results. Why should not these results answer all the purposes? Mediums cannot object to this, even if they so desired. And what should prohibit a well-meaning investigating committee from obtaining even better results than skeptics under like conditions?

But as there are already a large number, who have been thus tested and publicly endorsed, why not accord these a diploma without further palaver?

Mediumship thus recognized, would perhaps be the only true way and perhaps the only one accepted by the public at large.

If mediums were prepared at colleges like orthodox ministers, or physicians, a systematic examination would be in order. But where no such system can be instituted we cannot go beyond the question morally. That may be insisted upon, and which no honest medium either fears or opposes—only that the examiners will need be careful how they pass judgment; for mediumship is a law of nature that brooks neither trifling nor personal feeling in the matter.

Man can only think or feel for one sensation or impulse at a time, either animal or human; and that which is loved or worshipped becomes the god to whom he will be attracted—a counterpart of himself.

Personal gods are the spirit guides of individuals—perhaps the only ones, who can interpret their prayers and answer them with light, aid or comfort according to the conditions furnished by the supplicants.

Doing wrong to one out of love for another exhibits a moral weakness that needs a great deal of moulding to make a perfect man or woman.

Self-appointed gods are hatched from the shells of egotism.

Out of fear comes self-defense.

ORIGINALITY AND SPIRITUALITY.

The philosophy of past ages was as true for its time as that of the present age is for today, but not all of it is applicable to-day. General progress has made emendations necessary—additions fitting into our higher knowledge of things, attained thru a keener and subtler inspiration.

The latter grows with knowledge and experience, and many of our children today are as wise (intuitively) as many sages of old. Such children at maturity are naturally up-to-date with the highest thought of modern times, and these constitute our so-called advanced thinkers—whether they be mediums, preachers, journalists or essayists.

Mere imitations of ancient, or even of philosophers of a past generation, do not inspire the general public.

This demands originality, tho built upon old aphorisms. The modern mind needs something new to feed on.

There is much that is beautiful in ancient lore; but it was the highest attainable in its day. Much of it also holds good at present, but eternal progress subjects philosophy to the same growth that it does every thing else.

No truth can be restricted; and he who applies a comfortable truth to himself in the spirit of self reform or to benefit others, can prove this fact sequentially.

Philosophy is the ultimate of all fact—the spirit or soul thereof and like the human soul, is expansive.

Only dogma ceases to grow. The spirit has been taken out of that which constitutes it. It is therefore but a dead issue—a husk from which the divine principle has been ejected. True spirituality can only exist in that which is living—permitted to expand or grow—and that means originality.

The phenomena of Spiritualism opens the door to the spirit world; the philosophy shows how to get thru that door.

As long as humanity cries for war there will be some form of slavery in the world. One invites the other.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. M. McCaslin's St. Louis address is 3504 Indiana Ave.

Oscar A. Edgerly may hereafter be addressed at 42 Smith St., Lynn, Mass.

Mrs. R. S. Lillie may be addressed 358 W. Robert st., St. Paul, for this week.

D. W. Hull's address for the present is 1410 Kellam ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

Reader—the first emotion sensed on the approach of danger is fear or shock. But as it becomes inevitable that death is to follow resignation sets in, which is almost immediately followed by a sweet consciousness that robs death of its imaginary sting—this being nature's anesthetic, which provides for all her doings. Only human laws produce suffering.

Effective Healing.

Two things are necessary in magnetic healing, viz: a positive healer and a willing patient. Too many imagine themselves healers because able to relieve a home subject. Every parent who is a little temperate in habits, can cure or aid those around him if sympathetic. And who in the home is not a willing subject when in pain, or distressed by confinement to a sick room? Because such experiments prove effective does not warrant one to advertise himself as a healer. Let him try his powers on outsiders before venturing too far, both for his own and the patient's good. An effective test is to rub a piece of paper between the hands occasionally and see whether it will stick to the wall by electrical adhesion. For without this surplus there can be no healing, however much it is desired or imagined.

PSYCHICS.

Custom is stronger than truth.

Education, experience and inspiration is the trinity of authorship.

Good cheer enlivens the mental forces to higher activities and the soul forces to brighter hopes and aspirations.

Unselfish thoughts generate light and ripen into inspiration, while un-

selfish deeds generate power and ripen into happiness.

That thinking is living is proved by the effort to cease thinking—the effort being but another thought.

Uncharity, like jealousy, finally reacts on the progenitor with the same injurious effect that it had on those whom it first struck.

The man who pays his debts without being dunned in the hopes that he will be likewise treated is often found hunting for more hopes. The Golden Rule was broken in the last war, and never mended.

Mortal life is like a term in the penitentiary—shortened, eased or extended according to deportment.

Humility is an intuitive guard of the will against trespassing on the rights of others.

Those who exercise rhythm in all they do are temporizing with nature.

CAMP MEETINGS.

CITY OF LIGHT ASSEMBLY—Lily Dale, N. Y., July 13, to September 4.—Mrs. Pettengill, Lily Dale, N. Y.

LAKE BRADY, OHIO.—July 2 to September 4. A. G. Keck, secretary, Akron, O.

CIRCLE OF LIGHT, Williams Bay, Wis., June 1 to October 1. J. P. Cooke, secretary, Williams Bay.

CHESTERFIELD, IND.—July 14 to Aug. 28. Flora Harden, secretary, Anderson, Ind.

MT. PLEASANT PARK, Clinton, Ia.—July 31 to August 28. Mollie B. Anderson, secretary, Clarksville, Mo.

MAPLE DELL, O.—July 24 to September 1. Lucy King, corresponding secretary, box 45, Mantua, O.

UNITY CAMP, Sangus Centre, Mass.—June 5 to September 25. Mrs. A. A. Averill, secretary, 42 South St., Lynn, Mass.

FREEVILLE, N. Y.—July 23 to August 22. W. W. Kelsey, Pres., Cortland, N. Y.

LAKE PLEASANT, Mass.—July 31, continuing 30 consecutive days. A. P. Blinn, secretary, 61 Dartmouth St., Boston, Mass.

FOREST HOME, MICH.—July 30 to August 22. Mrs. R. Eastman, secretary, box 69, Mancelona, Mich.

DELPHOS, KS.—August 5 to August 22. I. N. Richardson, Secretary, Delphos, KS.

GRAND LEDGE, MICH.—July 31 to August 28. J. W. Ewing, secretary, Grand Ledge.

ISLAND LAKE, MICH.—July 10 to August 31. H. R. Lagrange, secretary, 84 E. Montclair St., Detroit.

HARMONY GROVE.—July 17 to July 31. F. C. Foster, secretary, Escondido, Cal.

ONSET.—July 24 to Aug. 28. Secretary Onset Campmeeting, Onset, Mass.

FRANKLIN, NEB.—July 29 to August 15. D. L. Haines, secretary, Franklin, Neb.

NEW ERA, OREGON.—July 2 to 26. George Lazelle, secretary, Oregon City.

Waterloo, Ia.—Aug. 21—Sept. 11, M. G. Duncan, Marshalltown, Ia.

WONEWOC, WIS.—Aug. 4—22, Miss Gertrude Spooner, Wonewoc, Ia.

Lake Sunapee, N. H.—July 31 to August 28. L. Lor. Worthen, Sec., Hillsboro Bridge, N. H.

Ottawa, KS.—Aug. 20 to 30, Jacob Hey, Sec., Carbondale, KS.

Camp Progress, Mowland Park, Upper Swampscott, Mass.—June 5 to Sept. 25. Mrs. H. S. Gardner, secretary, 343 Lafayette St., Salem, Mass.

Niantic, Conn.—June 20 to Sept. 12. Geo. Hatch, secretary, S. Windham, Conn.

Vicksburg, Mich.—July 31 to August 22. J. Fraser, Manager, Vicksburg.

Winfield, Kansas.—July 16 to 26, Mrs. M. Gates, 133 S. Manning St., Winfield.

Ashley, O.—Aug. 7 to 28, W. F. Randolph, secretary, Ashley.

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LILY DALE NOTES.

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

Warm weather is certainly here and it is bringing people for the summer and to look up cottages. There is a larger portion of new people inquiring for cottages this summer than ever before, according to Nellie Warren, who is renting a number of cottages and having inquiries for others. If you wish to know anything about cottages, write her inclosing stamp for reply. If it is not worth the stamp to you to receive the information it is not worth it to anyone else to give it to you.

The Assembly edition of THE SUNFLOWER will be issued June 27th and we request all friends of this place to circulate it where it will do the most good. Applications for copies can be made to this office or to the secretary of the C. O. L. A., Mrs. F. E. Eustaphie, Lily Dale, N. Y. The edition will be printed on calendered paper, profusely illustrated, and will make a valuable souvenir.

Mrs. Eustaphie is here and has opened the secretary's office for the summer.

Tom L. Wilson, formerly of the Erie Dispatch, now press agent for the Walter L. Main shows, is spending a few days at the Leolyn.

Two decided improvements are now going on. The lot from which the Richardson cottage was burned last winter is being filled in and it is understood that it will not be built upon at present. The new boiler is in position, water has been pumped with it, and a new boiler house is being built.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ramsdell spent a couple of days at Mrs. Nutting's.

A. Campbell has returned to his home at Atlantic City.

Mrs. D. W. Henderson was called to Findlay, Ohio, on account of sickness of a relative recently and has not returned.

Mrs. J. F. Witnauer and son, Allen, of East Amherst, N. Y., and Antoinette Scheu of Buffalo, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Scheu at the Iroquois.

Mrs. S. M. Skidmore visited at the Skidmore home one day last week.

Mrs. McNeill has returned to her home in Buffalo after spending a week on the grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Corden White have gone to Arcade for a few days.

F. M. Rickert and wife of New Orleans are at the Leolyn.

M. and Mrs. H. J. Pemberton spent a day looking over their cottage. He is quite interested in the Indian Territory oil fields and expects to go there soon.

Mrs. Avis Read has bought the Jones cottage on First street from Mrs. D. Pierce.

E. J. Oakes of Fredonia, N. Y., spent a day on the grounds.

Miss Bessie Akin of Sinclairville will spend the summer in THE SUNFLOWER office.

B. F. Austin spent a day looking over the grounds and arranging for a place for his wife and daughter who will make a month visit this summer. We understand they secured rooms at Mrs. LeRoy's on Marion street.

A. Gaston spent several days on the grounds last week.

Mrs. Addie Reynolds has arrived and is occupying the Peate cottage on Cleveland avenue. Mrs. Cox is with her.

Mina Seymour is here for a few days.

Mrs. Havens is occupying her cottage on Cottage Row.

Mrs. Mather is caring for Mrs. Griffey whose eyes have been troubling her so much of late, that she is practically helpless without assistance.

Mrs. Briddell is occupying the Turner cottage on Third street.

Mrs. Jack is here for a short rest. The fire ladders have arrived and were painted red. Other apparatus is coming, and we suggest that, during the summer every cottage owner

be requested to give from \$1. to \$5. to purchase an eight-man fire pump and a few hundred feet of hose. If

they will do that the citizens will organize a fire company and it may result beneficially to all, while it will cost but little.

Mrs. Ross has gone to Rochester to attend the wedding of her niece. Mrs. Geo. Forbes and Mrs. Pierce are late arrivals.

Prof. and Mrs. Zebley spent Sunday at their cottage and returned to Union City, Pa., where he is arranging a play. Mrs. Zebley will return for the summer in a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brooks of Buffalo, are spending a few days at the Waldow cottage.

The third of the series of dances to raise money to improve Library Hall was held Saturday evening. Thirty-two tickets were sold, and all seemed to enjoy themselves to the utmost. Come next Saturday. You will have a good time and help to fix up the hall. There is now \$24.48 in this fund. About \$100 is wanted.

Parkland Heights, Pa.

Parkland Heights Spiritualists Home and Campmeeting Association will hold their opening services on the first Sunday morning in July, and continue their meeting each Sunday morning and afternoon until the first of September. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kates have accepted an invitation to be with us on the opening day. They are too well known as true, earnest workers in the cause of Spiritualism to need any further indorsement to insure them a most hearty welcome to our grounds. Other good speakers will be present, and we hope to make the day an interesting and instructive one to all. There is a large hotel on the grounds beside several private homes where guests may be accommodated. Parkland is on the New York branch of Philadelphia and Reading R.R. with several trains stopping daily.

For particulars address Elizabeth M. Fish, Sec'y., Floral Heights, Parkland, Eden P. O. Pa.

Psycho Physics.

Psycho-Physics endeavors to show the relation between the mind and the body—the moral effect of one on the other. If the mind is right the body is, and it is thus not without issue to believe that the physical functions are effects of an anterior life-principle or perhaps consciousness. That the senses are closely connected with the vital energy and probably expressions of the same, may be determined. Without a stomach there would be no hunger, and consequently no sense of taste, and without consciousness no manifestation of the first named. But how the other senses are to be correlated, must be sought thru self-study—the basic principle of understanding causes and their relation to effects. Man being an epitome of nature, furnishes all the requisites for such an undertaking.

Vegetarianism and Consumption.

"Vegetarian, or herbivorous, animals," said a physician, "are the ones that get consumption. Every one knows how prevalent is consumption among cows. Well, it is still more prevalent among monkeys. All down the line of the herbivora, in fact more or less is to be found."

"Take on the other hand, the carnivora, or flesh eating animals. Consumption is rare among them. Lions, tigers and leopards die in their zoos from every other disease but consumption as a rule."

"Among mankind the greatest eaters are butchers. A butcher may eat a pound of underdone steak or a half-dozen juicy chops three times a day. That is why he is so ruddy and gay. You never saw a pale gaunt, morose one, or a consumptive one."

"But among our vegetarian friends the pale, gaunt, morose type prevails. I don't go so far as to say that vegetarianism causes consumption, but this I do say:

"Three of my consumptive patients were well enough till they adopted the vegetarian fad. Consumption didn't attack them till they left off eating meat."

Dr. W. W. Woodward of Cincinnati writes to our associate: We were delighted to see that you are connected with THE SUNFLOWER. You have been much missed by readers of the Light of Truth. Enclosed our subscription."

Offering unsolicited reasons for our motives weakens them, as unsolicited apology generates suspicion of wrong.

OBITUARY.

G. R. Knight of Conneaut, Ohio, passed to a higher life June 1st, 1904, in his 69th year. He was a firm believer in Spiritualism and advocated it to the world, and was heard to remark many times "He was proud to be a Spiritualist." He leaves a dear companion and one daughter. Two beautiful daughters and many loved ones awaited him on the other side. He hourly enjoyed the little home circles, and many times saw clairvoyantly his departed friends. The society has lost a good member and will miss his pleasant, genial face. The funeral was largely attended the floral offerings were beautiful. Roses in profusion, carnations, lilies, and other varieties. The singers must have been inspired by the Angel world, for certainly their music was heavenly. Rev. D. A. Herrick officiated. Language cannot express the grand inspiring and sympathetic words that were spoken.

It was a very trying ordeal for Mr. Herrick as Mr. Knight was to him as a brother, he making his home with Mr. and Mrs. Knight the past month, while serving our society. The writer not only loses a good true friend but a generous and obliging neighbor.

MARY JONES.

Alfred E. Luther passed from the confines of life in its physical expression, into the life of greater consciousness on Friday a. m., June 10, 1904, age 73 years 5 months.

Services were held at the residence 507 E. Washington St., Sunday, June 12, 12.30. Reverend Mr. Betts opened services with prayer and appropriate remarks, followed by Mr. Elizabeth Brewer who gave words of wisdom and comfort to all by bringing them so close to the border they in their conscience sense could almost pierce the thin veil and see into the mysterious beyond.

MRS. MARY E. CLARK.

The Light Cure.

It was rumored not long ago that one of the five \$40,000 Nobel prizes would be awarded to Finsen, whose light cure has made him world famous. Altho the statement is not true, there is no reason why Finsen may not be honored when the award is again made. It has not long been known that there are certain rays of the spectrum which act as germicides; these are the visible violet and invisible ultra-violet rays. Finsen devised an electric apparatus which would give an abundance of violet and ultra-violet rays. The disorder which has been most readily treated by Finsen is Tuberculosis of the skin, called by medical men lupus vulgaris. In a special hospital, which has been established in Copenhagen, known as the Finsen Institute, 456 cases were treated up to the close of 1900. The treatment was necessarily severe, since few patients required 20 sittings of an hour each—one daily—while many needed from 300 to 500.—Scientific American.

Have An Ideal.

It is good to have an ideal. If there is no reaching after perfection, there is sure to be indifference, and the latter condition leads to retrogression.

Ever upward and onward, is a good motto. We should wake each day better and more productive than the last. Moments are golden. Do not let the sun set without doing something to help humanity. Every effort towards self-improvement is a help to humanity. We are all of one family, and bound together by indissoluble magnetic ties.

Set up in your mind an ideal. Bend your energies to make that ideal manifest in the flesh. Try, and according to the sincerity of your efforts will be your success.—LEWIS R. HILLIER.

A Seventeen Year's Trance.

In the village of Grambke, near Brehem, a woman named Gesine Meyer has suddenly awakened from a sleep which commenced in December, 1886, when she was twenty-six years of age, and continued uninterruptedly until Sunday last. It was at first thought that she was aroused by the ringing of fire-alarm bells, but it is now believed that she awoke of her own accord. Her mental faculties are unimpaired and she remembers what happened prior to, but knows nothing of what transpired, during her long trance.

AN UNEXPECTED TEST.

In the recently published book by Dr. Isaac K. Funk on "The Widow's Mite and Other Psychic Phenomena" is a quotation from Rev. Minot J. Savage as follows:

"Dr. Savage said to a spirit who was writing thru the hand of a young man: 'If you are really a person and are really here you ought to be able to go somewhere in the city for me, find out something at my request, return, and tell me about it.' The spirit said that it had never done anything of the kind but would try. Dr. Savage sent him to his own house to find out what Mrs. Savage was doing. Mrs. Savage had told the Dr. before he left home that morning that she would be away all the forenoon. In four or five minutes the spirit returned and said: 'Mrs. Savage was at home and when I was there she was standing in the front hall saying good-bye to a caller.' The Dr. believed she was anywhere but at home. Yet it turned out that a caller had come and Mrs. Savage did not go elsewhere, as she had expected and on comparing notes Dr. Savage found that at the time that the spirit said he called she was saying good-bye to her guest."

Mediums Who Will Attend the Assembly.

Mediums who will attend the Assembly this season and desire their names to appear in this list, must send names and phase of mediumship to this office.

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F. Corden White	Mrs. M. A. Enches
Mrs. Maria Carpenter	Harriet H. Danforth
Mrs. Mary J. Ramsdell	Mrs. E. H. Thompson
Mrs. Maggie Turner	Mrs. Estelle F. Bullett
Mrs. C. D. Greenaway	Mrs. J. S. Steele
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Mrs. N. D. Miller-Wilcox	
PHYSICAL SEANCES.	
P. L. O. Keeler	
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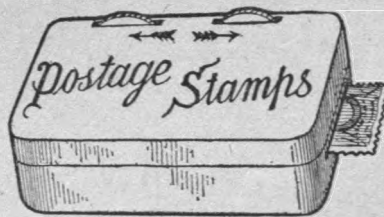
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We puzzle ourselves over the getting of Faith as tho it were a mighty problem and all the while the problem goes on solving itself at our very doors, at our very houses and in our very lives. We have Faith and know it not. We exercise Faith and are not conscious of the fact.

When I ask myself what is Faith? my question is answered on every side, tho I may not always hear the answer. Why, even my pet cat, whose providence I am, manifests a faith in me which corresponds to the larger faith I have in my Providence. It is one and the same principle, varying only in degree.

When this faithful cat misses me from the house he lies down at the head of the stairs commanding a view of the front door, and he awaits my return tho it may be for hours. When I open the door he gives a wistful look to see if it were I, then a glad "prrr" of greeting, and rushes down the staircase to meet me.

What does my cat see in the door to hold him gazing at it? Nothing! What he sees is not really the door for he looks thru it and sees—me with the eye of cat-faith.

And can I have less faith in my Providence than my cat has in me? Shall a closed door seem a hopeless barrier from which to turn away, or shall I wait before it until it swings open to admit the longed-for Presence?

Surely Faith is simple thing and easy of comprehension, tho from a psychological viewpoint, it may be very much of a problem.

Solving Life's problems are all very well and a good thing to do, but it does not always help you to live Life more happily, any more than it slakes your thirst or satisfies your hunger to learn the constituent parts of food and water. To sustain life you must get the food and water and make them a part of yourself, for you might die while they were withheld from you for the purpose of analysis.

Analysis may determine the character of your food and drink, enabling you to choose the most healthful, but it does not in itself, put that food and drink in your month.

Neither does reasoning about Faith give you Faith. The more you reason the more difficult and far away faith seems, while the fact is that it is the umbilical cord which unites you to the Supreme Power, your Providence. It is the channel thru which you receive all that God gives in the way of Life, Health, Vitality, Love, Happiness, Intelligence, Wisdom and Power.

Faith is this umbilical cord and by it you are continually fed with God-substance.

So you see what folly it is to go seeking Faith, for no amount of seeking would make it more yours than it is now. The only trouble is that the channel sometimes gets clogged and the influx lessened, but that passes and the flow is again established. Yes, Faith is as much a part of you as your breath, your digestion or any other functional process. It is therefore the most natural thing in the world to trust and believe in something; and the better that something is the happier and more secure our faith. We throw out little tendrils of trust to other human beings, which are often cruelly torn and hurt, because those human beings are unworthy of our love and faith; but when we rely upon the Supreme Power and Goodness we are never disappointed, never left cold, hungry or unsatisfied. Why? Because the object of our Faith is greater than our ideals and cannot therefore fall short of them.

My cat, dimly comprehending the power to supply his needs, trusts it and is fed. I, dimly comprehending the Power which supplies my needs, trusts it and am fed.

I would not depreciate Reason, but as a source of Happiness give me Faith; Faith is the Supreme Power and Goodness, and in Faith its manifestations in my fellow creatures.

Like other functioning, Faith strengthens by exercise. The more you trust and draw upon the un-

seen Power the more Power you have to draw with and the more you receive. I base that assertion upon the law that regulates functional growth; therefore I depend upon it as true.

Then, too, Faith being a function is pleasurable; i. e., the stronger your faith the happier you are. You can prove this by comparing your states of Faith or non-faith in some loved one and I need not remind you that the state of faith is one of happiness, while that of non-faith is one of wretchedness.

Yes the mere exercise of Faith is Happiness, and it is also Growth, Establishment, Strength, Stability and Security, for faith steps out on seeming void and finds the solid rock. How well I can see the process. I see you stepping out on the seeming void, while the motion of your spirit under the influence of Faith, changes the molecular action of the air, converting it into rock. If your faith were strong enough you could step off a precipice and a support would instantly form under your feet so that you would not fall. Jesus, by means of His perfect faith, walked in safety upon the water, while His disciple, thru his lack of faith, was in danger of sinking.

And the Prayer of Faith shall heal the sick. When all material remedies have failed and the dark void is filled with despair, then Faith, stepping in, finds a strong and sure support for its feet. Where was a seeming void it finds the solid rock of Security and power from which there springs new life and health.

But does not God heal sickness? Yes, certainly but God heals thru something, and that something is the Prayer of Faith. That is the channel thru which there flows a new supply of health and life.

In these days of advanced metaphysical culture students too often get away from the simple, strong base of relief to lose themselves in a mysterious labyrinth which leads nowhere in particular and is therefore without beneficent end.

"Thy Faith hath made thee whole." Yea, thy Faith rather than thy Learning.

By our Faith shall we grow in Strength and Happiness. By our Faith shall we have Health and Wholeness of Mind and Body. By our Faith shall we heal sickness and spread the Gospel of Joy.

BEAUTIFUL LIFE IS RIGHT ACTION.

By your own life you make or mar your life. Beauty and ugliness of your life depend entirely upon how you live. If you are impure, sordid and selfish in you living, do not expect anything but misfortune and catastrophe; if you are living a pure noble, unselfish and righteous life you will attract to yourself only peace, power, joy and great prosperity. This is the Law. It changeth not. The Law is beneficent, scientific and divine. Try as one may, it is found that the Divine Law is the only Law of true life. All that we are is the result of how we have lived; of how we have used the blessed powers of life. We are the effect or result of action and thought. The important thing is how we act, how we live. Thought alone is not sufficient to carry us to the most High; we must live our higher thoughts. Thinkers of beautiful thoughts are often miserable and unfortunate because they do not live their thoughts. God demands right action, perfect service, perfect living more than mere idealistic dreaming with folded hands. This is a progressive world.—FRANK HARRISON.

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HUMAN TARGETS.

Man is like a target with his heart for a bull's eye. Every impulse or passionate vibration directed at him from another mortal goes straight to the bull's eye or center—whether it carry a truth or an untruth in its wake—a pleasant or an unpleasant truth—joy or misery.

To distinguish between them, however, one must understand the heart catechism, as the sensitive understands the influences which touch the brain and nervous system, or the catechism of the nerves—psychometry, so-called.

Of course, all are perceptible to these impulses—even to animals. But not all interpret them rightly or know how to control them as they should be.

To be shocked by an untruth, for example, is a false conception—often due to similarity of forces—affinity for like conditions. The man who is ever truthful himself and never deceives by either word or act, cannot be easily deceived, for such a heart repels an untruth in the moment of touch. Oil and water do not mix. It is, therefore, always more easy to deceive a deceiver than an absolutely honest man, only that it depends upon who possesses the greatest art or cunning between the two.

In the matter of a vibration that angers we must know how to control the ebullition that arises—that is, possess the power of self-control.

which moral culture imparts (whether it be thru religion or self-knowledge—the two terms being synonymous in that both signify heart-education—and religion in its broad sense stands for anything that elevates the inner man above the outer—the spiritual above the animal.)

But to be shocked by a truth signifies that it is not an agreeable one, but still a truth. So the heart may go out to meet a disagreeable truth and meet with the same results. To think of a duty we dislike and be disagreeably affected by it, generally means that the duty exists as a truth for us, even if we shirk it. But the trial in it is ours, and shirking this one will not absolve us from a synonymous one in another field. The reverse is obvious. Joy sensed while casting ahead tells its own tale.

But whether shot at by a vibration or carrying our hearts towards one is indifferent—the effect is the same, and reveals the cause involved in it. Man is like a target; his heart the bull's eye; and what it feels is thru its soul-sense—intuition.

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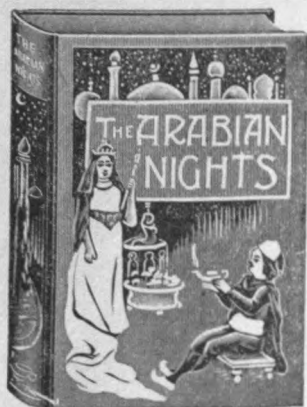
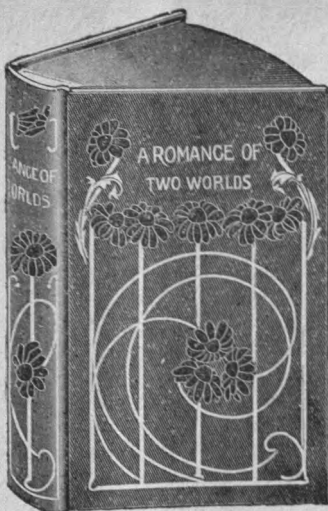
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OHIO STATE CONVENTION.

Interesting Gathering at Columbus.

The Ohio State Convention held its annual meeting in the Board of Trade Auditorium on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 27, 28 and 29. I cannot give a report of the business session, but think it due the speakers that a word of praise and thanks be given them for the good work done. It has been a long time since the people of Columbus have had an opportunity to listen to such soul inspiring lectures as those delivered at the four public sessions of the convention.

Friday evening was devoted to addresses of welcome by Dr. C. S. Carr who represented the mayor, who owing to a previous engagement was not able to be present. I must say that I do not think the people were disappointed, as it is always a pleasure to listen to the words of wit and wisdom that fall from the lips of Dr. Carr. He gave the delegates leave to play ball, climb telephone poles and take in the city in general, but said as we had other religious sects in the city viz., Methodist, Baptists, Presbyterian and other denominations he would ask that they not go to their meetings and preach or philosophise or sing our songs to them. But if any of their members attended the meetings he gave leave, yes, and wanted them to do their best to make Spiritualists of them. I feel sure that if there was any who did not believe in our beautiful philosophy present, that after listening to the instructive lectures, they at least would know that Spiritualism was not what it had been represented to be by the "Anti-Spiritualists" (who by the way were present at most of the meetings.)

Our beloved friend and brother, Harrison D. Barrett, Pres. of the N.S.A., responded in his eloquent manner to the address of welcome. His words were as eagerly listened to and as pleasing to hear as the first speaker.

On Saturday evening the people of Columbus had the pleasure of hearing for the first time Dr. Geo. B. Warne, of Chicago, Ill., he was followed by his co-worker and sister officer, Mrs. Laura G. Fixen, also of Chicago, who in her pleasing manner presented our teachings in a way that was very acceptable to all present.

On Sunday afternoon we again had the pleasure of listening to Dr. Warne who held his hearers under a spell while he spoke words of truth and wisdom that seemed to come direct from the spirit world.

Mrs. Curran, Pres., of the State Association was then introduced but very wisely declined to say anything. It was much better to let the people have time to digest the beautiful truths presented by our brother.

As is usual the best is always reserved for the last and such was the case on Sunday evening, the last session of the Convention, when that noble, tried, and true Spiritualist, the much loved president of the N. S. A., Harrison D. Barrett, gave one of his soul-inspiring lectures. No one with any love or interest in the Cause could listen to that masterful address for Spiritualism and humanity, without a desire to do more for both. The only regret was that there was not more people present to hear and profit by the beautiful truths so ably expounded.

He was followed by Mrs. Laura G. Fixen, who told why she was a Spiritualist. I wish I could give her lecture in full so that everyone could read and be benefited, as I feel all those who heard them were.

One thing to be regretted was that there was not as good instruments to present the phenomena thru as those who presented the philosophy. For the need was never so great for good tests and messages as now.

Spiritualism has had the hardest fight this winter that it has had since there has been a society here. The churches made a united effort to bring all within the fold, by bringing ministers and singers of renown, who held continuous meetings in three or four churches for several weeks. After that the anti-Spiritualists held meetings in several churches and in the Board of Trade Auditorium. They did not effect those who have found spirit return to be a truth; but those who were investigating became so puzzled they did not know what was true and what not.

If we could have had a good medium, one that was old in the work,

to give tests and communications in a positive manner, I feel sure it would have done a great deal of good and called a great many investigators out, and then they would have heard the beautiful truths that our speakers taught.

Mrs. Baird, the only test and message medium on the rostrum, did some very good work. Being a young medium and Spiritualist, she was timid and made it hard for her guides to use her. As for psychometry it is a phase of mediumship that never took in Columbus.

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Yours for the Truth,
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Morris Pratt Institute Convention.

At the convention of the M. P. I. Association, held in Whitewater, Wisconsin, June 4th, some good work was done for the future of the Institute, and towards establishing education as an important factor in Spiritualism.

The vacancies on the board of directors, occasioned by the resignation of Mr. A. Thompson and Mr. C. L. Stevens because of inability to serve on account of business demands, were filled by the election of Dr. Geo. B. Warne of Chicago, Ill., and Mr. John D. Vale of Marshalltown Ia., both of them competent men, and giving to the school the strength of an efficient board of directors.

The old officers were reelected, adding to the executive committee Dr. Geo. B. Warne.

The Secretary's Report showed old bills all paid with the exception of two hundred and fifty dollars that was hired one year ago to meet urgent demands, a bill of three hundred eighty nine dollars for fuel and repairs on roof, and one hundred fifty for furniture, leaving a total balance of eight hundred eighty nine dollars. All running expenses for the year had been met except the bill for fuel, and some of the old bill paid that were carried over from last year to more than balance that.

The number of students enrolled during the entire year was seventeen. Four of the first years' class graduated with honors and received diplomas, which will be an endorsement from the Institute as to their ability and a recommendation for them to Spiritualists wherever they may present them. We predict that this class of 1904 will go forth in the power of the spirit, imbued with the knowledge they have gained during the two years study and association with the higher psychic forces, and become leaders and teachers of these grand truths so in demand in all parts of the country. The names of the graduates are, Miss Agness Chaffee, Miss Alfa Bullock, Miss Amelia Pfennig and Mr. B. K. Bowen.

An officer to be known as Financial Agent was created and Mrs. C. L. Stewart appointed to fill it. The duty of this office will be to solicit funds for the Institute both publicly and privately, and she will visit different sections of the country for that purpose, and will call upon those who are interested in the cause of education and Spiritualism for any assistance they may give.

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- 18—Conference.
- 19—Carrie E. S. Twing.
- 20—Charles Jacques.
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- 22—Charles Jacques.
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- 24—Miss Elizabeth Harlow; Charles Jacques.
- 25—Conference.
- 26—Prof. W. M. Lockwood.
- 27—Miss Elizabeth Harlow.
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- 30—Prof. Lockwood.
- 31—Mrs. R. S. Lillie; F. A. Wiggin.

AUGUST.

- 1—
- 2—F. A. Wiggin.
- 3—W. J. Colville.
- 4—F. A. Wiggin.
- 5—W. J. Colville.
- 6—Miss Susie C. Clark.
- 7—PEACE DAY—Miss Susie C. Clark; W. J. Colville.
- 8—Conference.
- 9—Miss Susie C. Clark.
- 10—Mrs. R. S. Lillie.
- 11—Charles Brodie Patterson.
- 12—Mrs. Helen Campbell.
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- 14—Mrs. Helen Campbell; Charles Brodie Patterson.
- 15—Conference.
- 16—Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman.
- 17—WOMAN'S DAY—Mrs. Lillie; Mrs. Gilman; Mrs. Campbell.
- 18—Willard J. Hull.
- 19—Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman.
- 20—Willard J. Hull.
- 21—Paul Tyner; Willard J. Hull.
- 22—Conference.
- 23—Paul Tyner.
- 24—
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- 26—Henry Frank.
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- 28—Henry Frank.
- 29—Conference.
- 30—
- 31—Tillie U. Reynolds.

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- 1—
 - 2—Tillie U. Reynolds.
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 - 4—Rev. J. Stitt Wilson.
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All people need this guardian care and all are not aware of the fact or conscious of it. However, progression is making rapid strides in the direction, and all will come to the knowledge of these truths by and bye.

To me, angel ministry is a priceless boon. In all the perplexing and painful vicissitudes which have been my experience. I have ever felt the nearness of guardian angels. In the stillness of night when sleep deserted me, I often heard their sweet voices cheer and instruct me; also the still small voice speaking to my inner consciousness. These many grand truths were imparted to me, from the inner, the divine life. In this wise, I have learned why divine truths cannot be learned by merely reading and formal devotion. It is necessary that one turns within ones self, and sends forth from that inner shrine, the soul centre,—strong desires for truth and wisdom. The answer comes in thought vibrations which make their impact on the consciousness. This stamps credit

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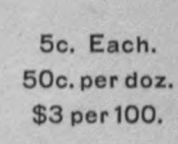
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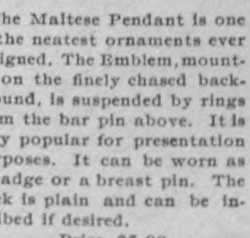


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RUFUS SUMERLIN.

It seems from an article written by Dr. George B. Warne, in the Progressive Thinker, No. 752, that he has been deceived by a fake spirit photograph medium in Chicago. His conclusion is that all spirit photographs are fakes, I quote the following:

"Let whomsoever will sit and pay for spirit photographs, but it will be only another illustration of the fool and his money soon parted. * * * Let all such work be classified as Freak Pictures, but not as genuine by arisen intelligences."

In reply to the above, will say that we have here in this city, at No. 1343 Roanoke St., a genuine spirit photograph medium in the person of Dr. W. M. Keeler. Anyone doubting the truth of this phase of mediumship should have a sitting with him and I believe would be convinced of its genuineness.

Dr. Keeler from what he tells me, and I believe he tells the truth, is a born medium, a slate-writer as well as spirit photographer.

When a boy going to school, while studying his lesson in arithmetic, frequently notes would be written on the opposite side of the slate. The teacher on examining his work happened to discover the writing, accused him of loitering away his time by writing notes, and then proceeded to give him a sound thrashing. This was of frequent occurrence. Young Keeler knew nothing of spirit slate-writing or of Spiritualism, never having heard of it.

The following is his first experiences in Spirit Photography: When thirteen years old, about the time the photograph succeeded the daguerreotype, his father bought him a photograph outfit. In taking pictures of relatives and friends other forms would frequently appear with that of the sitter. Many of them were thought to resemble those who had lived on the earth. They could not account for them, so they named them spook pictures. About this time Mr. Mumler was on trial in New York City charged with making fake spirit pictures. The father of young Keeler reading in the New York papers of the trial went to that city with specimens of his son's photographs. As soon as Mumler saw them he said they were spirit pictures. That was the first knowledge they had of what they were. Shortly afterwards young Keeler went to a photograph gallery in Boston, where he spent over a year in perfecting himself in the art of photography. After leaving the gallery his spirit pictures were better and many of them easily recognized. Having an appointment in a neighboring town to take spirit pictures he was met at the depot by a Dr. Brown who prevailed upon him to go with him to a photograph gallery and use the photographer's camera and sensitized plates. He went with the doctor, took several pictures and left the proprietor of the gallery to develop them. Dr. Brown was so well pleased, after paying him for the work done, made him a present of \$50., saying it was worth \$500 to him, for he now knew spirit photography was a fact.

Dr. Keeler has been a resident of Washington for a good many years, and is now employed, and has been for a long time, by the government as a photographer.

To test the truth of Dr. Keeler's spirit pictures, Dr. Theodore Hansmann, himself an amateur photographer, several times went to Dr. Keeler's with his own sensitized plates marked, placed them in the camera, sat for the pictures, then took them to his own dark-room and developed them, and found on them spirit pictures that he readily recognized. This test convinced the doctor that spirit forms could be photographed.

Dr. Keeler has taken spirit pictures in the dark. Dr. Hansmann and Col. P. E. Dye, also an amateur photographer, went to Dr. Keeler's, each with his own camera and sensitized plates. All these cameras were trained upon a certain object. The light was extinguished, they then in unison went thru the operation of taking a picture. After which each repaired to his own dark room, developed their plates and made prints from them. They afterwards met and compared results and found that each had photo-

graphed the same spirit. These experiments were carried on for some time, getting pictures of some they could recognize and some they could not. They were always the same on each of their plates.

A short time ago I sat for spirit pictures and got a likeness of my wife as she appeared when a young woman, a good picture of my youngest son and Wm. McKinley, whom anyone would recognize who ever saw him or his picture.

Spirit photography is a fact and if Dr. Warne will come to this city and have a sitting with Dr. Keeler I think he would be convinced of its truth.

Washington, D. C.

Dr. Babbitt's Lectures at Lily Dale.

Dr. E. D. Babbitt, conductor of the Institute of Higher Sciences at Geneva, N. Y., proposes to give a two weeks course of lectures at Lily Dale, during Camp Time, the lecture each day, to occupy two hours. The doctor promises that any member of the class who afterward may wish to complete the course of the Institute of Higher Sciences and gain the beautiful Diploma and degree of D. M., Doctor of Magnetism, can do so by paying \$28 more, thus making the complete course cost only \$40 instead of the regular price which is \$50. The remaining studies of the course will be greatly lessened on account of the two weeks course of lectures and will be pursued by a series of printed questions aided by the books.

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Opinions.

Speaking of this course of study, the Rev. P. Ilgen, Ph. D., D. D., of St. Louis, Mo., says: "It is a new and grand revelation to me, I cannot thank you enough."

The following is from G. W. Ruminer, M.D., D.M., of Evansville, Ind.: "As much as I would like money, I would not take \$1,000 for what I have learned in this course. I have had great success with it in actual practice."

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CHOPS.

The least said, the most read.

The "tender passion" is often very brutal.

If you have a grievance take it to him who is hunting trouble.

Why apes can be taught the vices of humanity more readily than its virtues must be referred to their human counterparts who are similarly constituted.

Fantails and overdressed humanity suffer like discomforts.

Donkeys, like some of their human brethren, can only call attention to themselves by making a noise.

Too much thought for self leaves no time for the consideration of higher topics.

Too much conceit muddles the brain.

Envy is often a compliment of the ignorant.

Because we can see others' sins does not make us a saint. There are soul-painters as well as those of the body.

Metaphysics.

Gods are individuals who love themselves to the extent of wishing to be worshiped. Self-love personified. There is but one God and that is intelligent nature.

Love centered on self cannot find its way to other hearts; for love like reason, is concrete—indivisible in focalization.

A lost thought is difficult to regain because opposed by a reminder of the loss—proving that thought occupies space and asserts itself till displaced by a stronger.

As sickness purifies the body from immoderate fleshy indulgences, so trial purifies the soul from immoderate spiritual indulgences as willfulness, spite or selfishness generally.

Faith is its fundamental principle, but without humanity it is building on false hopes. Consistency makes the true believer.

Buffalo Notes

N. H. EDDY, Correspondent.

The Sunday morning service at the Temple was conducted by Mrs. Ripley and her guides. The subject selected was, "Come let us reason together." A very able and excellent discourse was given and many good and interesting points were made. The guides advocated educating the children in the line of these spiritual truths, that they may grow up into a right understanding of the laws of life and being, thus helping them to become better men and women.

Sunday evening, June 12th, at the Temple, the guides of Mrs. Ripley made a few introductory remarks stating that whatever was given to the audience thru the inspiring forces, was from the fountain of the All Wise Thought. She took for her subject "The Use and Abuse of Spiritualism," which was discoursed upon in a very able manner, illustrating the method in which some people made of the knowledge of Spiritualism—hiding that which they knew to be the truth because they had not the backbone to stand firm and true to the cause. There were many forcible and interesting points wrought into expression for the benefit of the audience, which evidently were well received.

Sunday evening, June 12th, at the Allen street Church, Dr. F. O. Matthews, speaker and medium, gave a lecture, following it with tests and descriptive readings. Dr. Matthews daughter, May Matthews, about 14 years of age, made her first appearance upon the rostrum demonstrating her mediumship. She gave several tests and descriptions which were recognized by those in the audience. Nearly every seat in the church was occupied.

Wednesday evening, June 15th Mrs. W. Ripley gave her usual mid-week seance at the Temple. Quite a number of messages and descriptive readings were given by her guides to the evident satisfaction of the recipients.

Mrs. Simmons of 22 Marriner St., has recently returned to her home from Minnesota and Dakota, where she has been on a visit for about seven months. Mrs. Simmons is well known at Lily Dale and has a host of friends in Buffalo. At the home of Mrs. James Well, 81 Sixteenth street, the Friday Afternoon Club composed of ladies, held an afternoon tea party in honor of Mrs. Simmons, June 19th. About 15 were present and a very enjoyable time was had.

Mr. I. P. Doolittle of Toronto, who has been spending several weeks in Buffalo has been suddenly called home to attend to some business matters of interest.

Thursday evening June 16th, at the Psychic Research Club, Mrs. Klipfel and Mrs. Barr gave a cabinet seance in a well lighted room. A goodly number were present and while all did not get a written message, yet there were about thirty messages delivered from the cabinet by independent spirit writing, giving cheer and comfort to the loved ones on the earth plane.

A Remarkable Psychometry.

We have received the following testimony to a very successful experiment in psychometry. The writer, "T. L. H." says:

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"About three days after writing I received a reply, at which after perusal, I really stood agast; for there before my gaze stood an accurate account of my present circumstances. But most over whelming of all was the chronological part of the letter, which has proved most minutely accurate. He told me I should be supplied with a key to unlock the door of entanglement in November, and Tuesday, November, 3rd, I was handed a letter which reduced the position of complication to its simplest form. Altho I live a distance of nearly two hundred miles from this noted seer, I received a most truthful reply. It was in short, a wonderful and masterful penetration of my whole surroundings."—Light.

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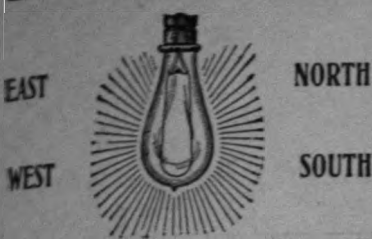
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E. R. Fielding writes from Washington, D. C.: The Ladies Aid met at the parlors of Mr. and Mrs. Willis where we had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Harrison D. Barrett. Bro. Barrett, as usual, in a masterly way gave a good talk on his pet theme "Universal Spiritualism." Mrs. B. favored us with a few remarks, followed by Mrs. M. T. Longley, Mrs. Congdon, and music by Prof. P. Longley. Mr. Noble, who holds meetings every Sunday evening at Woons' Hall, during the summer, gave tests. The First Spiritual Society meets at Mrs. Farrars, 216 I street, N. W., and when the weather is pleasant they go up the river taking their lunch and continuing the Sunday exercises with the help of different speakers. Mrs. A. M. Zoller will continue her meetings thru the summer. Mrs. E. R. Williams and Mr. Alfred H. Terry hold Wednesday afternoon meetings. Mr. Terry is a good medium and hopes to visit Lily Dale some time, as he has developed the phase of trumpet medium. Mrs. M. Price conducts her mother's meetings as usual. Mr. and Mrs. Emmer will go to Camp Fox, three miles from this city, for the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Emmer hold materializing seances Monday evenings and trumpet seances Tuesday evenings.

Secretary E. C. Senissen writes: The First Spiritual Church of Rochester, N. Y., held a memorial service in St. George's Hall for the late R. D. Jones, who has for many years been a faithful worker for the truth. The vacant chair which stood on a raised platform in front of the speaker, suggested the vacant place made by the transition of our brother, and the sheaf of wheat placed in the chair was symbolic of his ripe old age, and the abundant harvest awaiting him for his many deeds of kindness and generosity. The services were conducted by the New York State Vice-President Tillie U. Reynolds in a masterful and impressive manner. She opened the service by reading Ella Wheeler Wilcox's beautiful poem "Beyond" and was followed by a solo, "Fading, still Fading," rendered by Mrs. George Frick. Comforting words fell from the lips of the speaker, at times controlled by the brother just passed out, as he told of the beauties of the life he had just entered, of which he said no mortal could conceive; that his life had just begun. He assured us that it was "not all of life to live nor all of death to die," but so-called death was truly a transition. All thru the discourse of our sister, Mrs. Reynolds, were kindly cheering words of comfort, assuring us of the continuity of life in the beyond, and that our loss was our brother's gain. Mrs. Reynolds will be with us for the month of June and we will have the privilege of listening to her for two more weeks.

From Syracuse, N. Y., Mrs. Addie Cooper writes: The First Society of Spiritualists convened for the last time this season June 15th, with the honor of having Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, State missionary, with us; also Mrs. Lizzie Brewer, the former pastor, who offered a few remarks, after which Mrs. Reynolds gave a few messages from spirit friends. Mrs. G. H. Garner, the message bearer that has served the society for the past two years, was presented with a solid gold watch chain also cloth for a rain coat. The presentation was made by Mrs. Brewer. All enjoyed themselves royally with the hopes of meeting again in September.

Wm. Keeler writes: With Melchers' aid you are making a grand paper of THE SUNFLOWER. [Thanks.]

D. Feast of Baltimore writes: Dr. N. F. Ravlin preached his farewell sermon Sunday May 29, 8 p. m. taking for his theme "Love,"—taken from 4 John 1st epistle—He said in part that the word love is the sweetest and holiest word in the English language. Few understand its full meaning and scope. There are many definitions of love as diverse views of God. Lust is one thing and love is another. Lust and love do not mix. There is the lust of the eye. The lust of the flesh. The lust for power, but true love is eternal and heaven born. It is a heaven born gift and if rightly used produces the greatest amount of happiness. Love is a creative power. It is the passport unto the eternal kingdom. Theology teaches that we are nothing, that we are cringing worms and not fit to love, and yet we do all the same. God is love, you are in the father and father in you there dwelteth love in you. Your title therefore to heaven is perfect. Love creates all things. It is the incentive to the best possible unfoldment. If you create love it returns to you a hundred fold, also if you create evil that also returns to you. People are generally ignorant of the great moral force of love. Love worketh all good with love as a mighty factor in one's life, evil speaking and evil thought will disappear. What a terrible thing it is when the absence of love brings in its train a multitude of evils. What a beautiful scene is that home wherein dwelteth love, how the atmosphere and surroundings denote the presence of all that is beautiful, grand. Love is the password or golden key that that will open the locks of any heart if rightly applied. The flowers I had in my hand are the emblems of love. I would rather have a few flowers given me whilst in the body than a wagon load placed on my grave after I shall have gone to my reward. Now my hearers my parting words to you is that ye love one another, that ye encourage one another. In all human probabilities I shall never see you again in the mortal; I am nearing the spirit world. Soon my work shall have been ended. I go thence—whilst serving as your pastor. I have tried to do my duty. I earnestly hope that you will give my successors your hearty support and love which you have failed to give me as your pastor—I know the gentlemen well who will follow me—Mr. Barrett—Mr. Brooks and Dr. Austin. Their work will be in vain unless you do your part. No man can carry the burden alone; he must have the hearty cooperation of the members and friends. So I say give those gentlemen who succeed me your best efforts and their work with you will be a success which mine was not. I did my part, you failed to cooperate with me in the work. Finally brethren, I say let Brotherly love be manifested among you and the first Spiritual Church of Baltimore will be a mighty factor for good along all lines of reform.

That "Blue Book" Again.

EDITOR OF SUNFLOWER: While the question is being agitated concerning the "Blue Book" why not keep the pot boiling until the question is settled satisfactory to all concerned? If there is such a book let some one take up your offer and trot it out so we Spiritualists can have tangible proof. But if such a book does not exist let those who make such erroneous statements forever hold their peace, and not have the people grasping at straws.

While at the Dale three years ago as an investigator, some wonderful tests were given me, regarding family affairs, which pleased me very much until some one (whom I cannot just recall), kindly informed me that the information given me was knowledge obtained from a certain book called the "Blue Book." Imagine the impression made on the mind of a new investigator? I began to wonder, then question, that if such a thing were possible, "Why do the Spiritualists allow such humbug to continue or even exist to the detriment of this beautiful philosophy?" Surely, now is the accepted time to sift the matter to the bottom. I would like to see that book in order to ascertain if my name was in it.

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The Greenbacker Discourses on his personality.

Well, here I am again. Our publisher notified me that when he went to Syracuse to that convention a number of people spoke of me and wanted to know why I did not come oftener. They also wanted to know who I was.

That was a very pointed question. I am myself—of course. That is much of trying to make out who I am. If I was living in Boston I would want to trace my ancestors back to the Mayflower or at least to Bunker Hill. If I was living in the South I would try to show that I was descended from Sumter. If I lived in Texas I would look up the records of the Alamo. But I don't live in either of those places and so I am merely a common, every-day sort of a Greenbacker.

One of my friends wanted to know if I was a greenback politically. I don't understand much about politics and don't want to. I think there are two classes of politicians: politicians and politicians. Part of them belong to one political party, part to some of the others and some are mugwumps. I am a greenbacker in politics when they are backed by eighty million of as good people as the sun ever shone upon, and endorsed by our Uncle Samuel. I don't mean the Uncle Sam that makes the stamp boxes, I mean our real Uncle Samuel. He is good enough for me to tie to.

This friend told me that he did not read the articles for a long time because he thought it was advocating greenbacks and he was a goldbug. I am glad of it. It serves him right for missing the good things that I did happen to write accidentally. But I am in favor of greenbacks, lots of them, lots of good times to put them into circulation, and the entire backing of this great nation to make them worth one hundred cents on the dollar in gold or potatoes, corned beef or cabbage, wheat or suspenders buttons. The only things I would not make them worth one hundred cents on the dollar in would be whiskey and tobacco. Those are my politics.

As long as we are discussing my personality, we had better have it all at once. In religion I am a straddler. I can hop from one to the other so fast that you would not know where to catch me.

I might be a Methodist today, and a Universalist tomorrow. I stick closer to the Baptists tho, on account of the water features. Spiritualism is all right for amusement occasionally, and when I want some real good consolation I go to a medium who has not got a "blue book."

I read the Spiritualist and Free-thought papers and I like THE SUNFLOWER best of any of them.

I am not a vegetarian, because I don't believe in it. I eat what I want, as much as I want and whenever I can get it. If I have a lot I eat it and if I don't I get along with what I have. In domestic life I let my wife have her own way, as all benedicts have to, and try to live at peace with my mother-in-law, as all benedicts ought to. I try to go thru the world and make as much trouble and do as little good as I possibly can. No, that is not what I mean. It is to do as much good and make as little trouble as I can.

I got a little education in my early days, and have tried not to let it make me mad; but it is hard work when I realize how little I know.

I think this is all that you need to know of my personality to show that I am a thoroughly good fellow, even if my legs are not exactly the shape that conduces to human grace. They answer my purpose allright, and suit me to perfection. All I ask is to keep them from some of those greedy fellows who eat them when they get a chance. It beats everything how snakes and men do like frogs' legs.

I wish they would hurry up and get our the camp edition of THE SUNFLOWER. I always look for that. I wrote them about it and they said they expected it would be ready to mail June 27. Now don't forget to send your orders for a lot of copies and circulate them among your friends. Then go to Lily Dale and you will meet me there, altho you will not know that I am the Greenbacker. Bring all your friends with you. You can get rooms from almost nothing to a big price, you can eat yourself or go to a hotel or restaurant. Last year I ate at the Jackson Cottage and had a quiet room in the suburbs. I don't know

what I will do this year—maybe I will hang up on a nail if I can find a convenient one. I will risk it any way and even if it rains I won't get very wet on account of the immense shade. Hoping to meet all of my readers at Lily Dale, I remain,
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REFUS SUMERLIN,
Washington, D. C.

John A. Hoover, of Morristown, N. J., writes: I received the spirit photographs and there are two faces which I positively identify. One is that of an old gentleman who died with us four years ago, and the other that of Beals E. Litchfield, a noble and worthy Spiritualist of some years ago. Mr. John Belton, my neighbor who sent you his photo to be operated upon recognizes several faces, among them, that of his granddaughter.

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All that I heard speak of Mrs. Morrell, who preceded me in April, and whose home is in Grand Rapids gave her credit of being thoroughly sincere, and truthful, having an unblemished character, and ranking first class as a public speaker. As an indication of her qualities I am informed that after filling a months engagement at Battle Creek—her first work there—she was offered an engagement for 6 months which she declined. This is creditable alike to her and to the society who engaged her. The immense waste of energy, money and opportunity, due to the custom changing of speakers, is responsible for a large share of the apathy and failures of societies all over the land. How much headway would the churches make if they change their pastors every month? This young society at Grand Rapids promise in it. If they carry out the work as they have indicated, we may hope to see a wholesome rise in the working standards in this thriving city. My last two weeks in Grand Rapids have been pleasantly associated with Dr. Batdorf and family in their attractive home at 69 James St.

Owing—perhaps—to some family difficulties among the stars that rule by destiny, I got a little off my base, physically, and perhaps it was the friendly feeling of some other star, more considerate than the rest that caused it to scoop me up and put me down at Dr. Batdorf's door. Any way, I got there, and am thankful to the fates that did it. The soul communions, intellectual exchange and restful atmosphere of their home was food and strength to body and spirit. I also shared the hospitality of Bro. C. M. Potter and his pleasant companion, at South Division St. during a part of my stay, and if all Spiritualists in Grand Rapids were as faithful and unselfish as they, it would be easy to carry on at least two first class societies in the city, and fill the largest halls, and make Spiritualism at once a power to be felt and respected. I met Mrs. Coffman, the widely known and popular test medium, whose home is in Grand Rapids. Dr. Marvin called on me and we had a pleasant visit. Many people in Erie and Chautauqua Co. will remember the family, as they lived in the vicinity of the Great Hemlock Hall meetings, near North Collins, 40 years ago. The splendid works of those times made an impression that is felt to this day in thousands of homes.

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Saturday evening, meeting was called to order at eight o'clock. After a solo Harrison D. Barrett gave an elocutionary reading, Father Ryan's "Song of the Mystic" and delivered an address, Rev. B. F. Austin gave an address, followed by Frank Walker, and W. H. Bach editor of SUNFLOWER.

Spirit messages were given by F. Corden White.

Benediction. The Sunday morning exercises was a symposium of short addresses and music. In the afternoon Miss Sarah Woodruff gave a recitation, addresses were given by Charles S. Hulbert, Miss Gertrude Mudge, Mary M. Genung, of Moravia, poem and remarks by J. T. Morrison, of Ithaca, N. Y.. Messages, F. Corden White. Also remarks by Mrs. Jennie Paine, Eva M. Travis, Mary E. Clark, Addie Cooper and Miss Sophia Little.

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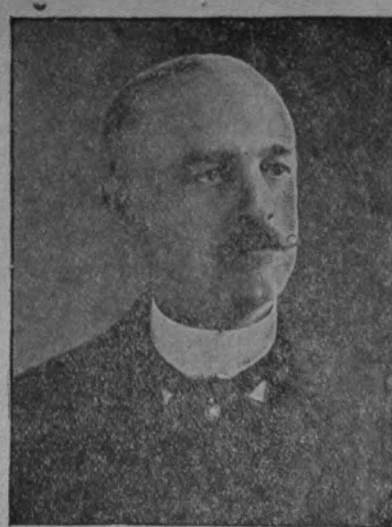
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