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N. S. A. MISSION- ARIES REPORT

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Mr. Chairman and Fellow Delegates:

Another year of great activity in the movement to advance the cause of Modern Spiritualism has passed.

The work of the year has been crowned with good results. The truths of Spiritualism have been carried to thousands of earnest seekers for truth.

The organization of Spiritualists into a working body of business men and women whose purpose is to render helpful service to mankind and to each other, as well as to investigate, teach and demonstrate the truths of the Spiritual Philosophy was a happy thought, as experience has shown.

During the year we have visited a larger number of states than in any previous year of our missionary work.

We visited New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Washington, Oregon, California, Utah, and Nebraska.

We held 261 meetings, organized 19 societies including two Ladies Aid societies; wrote 900 letters and traveled 14,000 miles.

We attended the N. S. A. Convention at St. Louis, Mo., the Michigan State Convention at Lansing, Mich., and took part in a State mass meeting at Topeka, Kans. We also added many new members to old societies that we visited.

The new societies that we organized are located in the following states: Ohio 1, Missouri 2, Kansas 3, Wyoming 1, Montana 2, California 2, Washington 1, Oregon 3, Colorado 3, and New York 1. Total 19.

INDIANA.

We began the work of the year in Indiana, serving the society at Lafayette.

ILLINOIS.

In Illinois we served the societies at Farmer City, Bloomington and Decatur, and held the first Spiritualist meeting ever held in Pinkneyville.

MISSOURI.

We held meetings in St. Louis, St. Joseph and Union Star, Mo., organizing a fine local society and a Ladies Auxiliary at St. Joseph, and held the first public Spiritualist meeting ever held in Union Star.

KANSAS.

We held meetings in Troy, Ft. Scott, Spring Hill, Lawrence, Topeka, Herrington, Sterling and Hutchinson, Kans. Ours were the first Spiritualist lectures ever given in Troy or Herrington. We organized new societies at Lawrence, Herrington and Spring Hill.

WYOMING.

At Sheridan, Wyoming we held two meetings and organized a good society.

Mrs. F. D. McCormick the President of the Montana State Spiritualist Association and her good husband planned and arranged for these meetings at Sheridan.

MONTANA.

We visited Billings, Livingston and Butte, Mont. At Billings, the home of the McCormicks, we remained eleven days and held 15 meetings. The number in attendance, as well as the interest in the meetings, increased with each succeeding meeting. Mrs. Sprague held one meeting for Ladies only, and also organized a Ladies Aid Society. Much good was accomplished at Billings.

Mrs. McCormick preceded us to different places in Montana and arranged for our coming, but we were stricken with the smallpox at Livingston and Mrs. Sprague was taken to the pest house at Butte, and Mrs. McCormick was so taken

suddenly ill at Anaconda and had to return home. For these reasons the work in that state was given up for the time.

When we recovered and Mrs. Sprague was released from the pest house, we bid a glad farewell to this great mining city and traveled on into the state of

WASHINGTON.

We visited Spokane, Seattle and Tacoma. At Spokane we spent eight days and held twelve meetings, and organized a fine society. Spokane has plenty of excellent home talent and this society should certainly prosper.

Mr. R. F. Little, the very efficient and enthusiastic president of the Washington State Spiritualists Association, arranged for our coming to Seattle where we spent one week and held six meetings.

The Spiritualists of Seattle have one of the finest and best managed societies; they also have plenty of good home talent and are enthusiastic.

Mr. George E. Knowlden, Sec'y. of the Washington State Association, and one of our best workers, arranged for the two meetings that we held in Tacoma. Mr. A. J. Kenton of Puyallup, the Treasurer of the Washington State Spiritualists Association with his good wife were present. Those meetings were well attended and considerable interest was beginning to manifest itself when we were obliged to leave for other fields.

OREGON.

Rev. C. C. Love, President of the Oregon State Spiritualists Association assisted us in the good work arranging for meetings in Portland and taking part in them.

We spent four days in Portland and held four meetings there. Two were held in Drews Hall and two in the home of "The Worlds Advance Thought" Mrs. Lucy A. Mallory the editor of this excellent Spiritualist newspaper kindly invited us to hold the meeting there. She is one of the tried and true, and has kept her splendid paper busy making its regular visits to thousands of homes in this and in other countries for nearly a quarter of a century.

We attended a meeting of The Ladies Aid Society of Portland one afternoon. We were called upon for remarks when without even asking permission, we created considerable surprise by raising over one hundred dollars for the building fund of that society.

We spent fifteen days in Oregon, visiting Portland, McMinnville, Corvallis, Cottage Grove, Medford and Ashland. We organized new societies in McMinnville, Cottage Grove and Medford.

Spiritualist ministers are refused clergy rates in Oregon. When President Love protested against such treatment, and asked the reason for it, he was told that the railroad officials did not recognize Spiritualism as a religion. This matter should be attended to and the mistaken officials should be enlightened.

CALIFORNIA.

We visited Dunsmuir, San Francisco, Cupertino, San Jose, Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara, Summerland, Montecito, Fresno, San Diego, and Los Angeles.

We organized new societies at Dunsmuir and Fresno and held the first public Spiritualist meeting ever held in Dunsmuir.

The Spiritualists of San Francisco accorded us a hearty welcome to their beautiful city. We were royally entertained in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Shaw Gillespie, Mr. Gillespie is the president of the California State Spiritualists Association, a good business man, a natural leader, a well informed and active Spiritualist.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie called us to San Francisco and much credit is due them for assistance in making our meeting a success.

Mrs. Gillespie is the pastor of the Peoples Church of that city. She has labored long and faithfully,

without money and without price, building it up from nothing to a substantial and successful society.

Mrs. Gillespie is also the conductor of a fine lyceum. We have had the pleasure of witnessing her work in the lyceum, both in the east and in the west and have no hesitancy in pronouncing her one of the best lyceum teachers in the land. It would be a great help to our movement if the Morris Pratt Institute were to establish a class in lyceum work and graduate lyceum teachers. They are greatly needed.

Our Sunday meetings in San Francisco were held in the spacious hall of the People's Church, and the Ladies Aid Society kindly assisted us in the week day evening meetings, which were held in their hall. The members and attendants of both of these societies are in full sympathy with the good work of the N. S. A. as was proven in many ways and not least by their generous subscriptions to the Mediums Relief Fund.

Mr. W. T. Jones Editor of the "Philosophical Journal" and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Howe, Editors of the "Occidental Mystic" through the columns of their valuable papers and otherwise did much to assist us; all of which was highly appreciated by your missionaries.

We held two meetings with the society at San Jose, spent three happy days at Sunny Breeze, held four meetings with the Santa Cruz Society, stopped over night at Santa Barbara where we learned that the once flourishing society of that place had failed and nothing was then being done in a public way to advance the cause in that city. We spent a pleasant day at Mr. and Mrs. Lillie's home in Montecito.

At Summerland and San Diego we found good societies owning their temples and doing fine work. San Diego has one of the finest temples in the west.

LOS ANGELES.

Mr. S. D. Dye who is one of the respected members of our National board, and his good wife, assisted by Mrs. Nettie Howell, Mrs. R. S. Lillie and the officers and members of the Truth Seekers Society of Los Angeles, called us to that place to assist in the three days Anniversary service. The nine meetings held there proved very successful in every way. Large audiences were in attendance and on Sunday evening at the closing service some went away for lack of room, though our hall was a large one.

The lectures, messages and music, were excellent, and were received with enthusiasm and applause by the audiences.

A nice little sum over and above expenses was realized, and both the Truth Seekers Society and the N. S. A. were profited thereby, and furthermore, 40 new members were added to the Truth Seekers Society.

UTAH.

Owing to a misunderstanding caused by a letter going astray, we arrived in Salt Lake City one week earlier than we were expected. This so disarranged our plans that we only remained there two days and then moved on to

COLORADO.

We organized new societies at Grand Junction, Leadville, and Denver, and also held meetings in Glenwood Springs and Colorado Springs. Ours were the first public Spiritualist meeting ever held in Glenwood Springs; a good society may be organized there with a little of the right kind of work.

NEBRASKA.

We spent three days at South Omaha and moved along into

IOWA.

We stopped at Oskaloosa where we found a good working society. We held four meetings there, then visited societies that we had previously organized at Bloomington, Ill., Peru and Rochester, Ind., San-

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INFIDELS WHO HAVE BEEN BENEFACTORS

(From the New York SUN.)

Why does not, asks Mr. McCormick, the party of "doubt" and "unfaith" found charities?

Agnostics, doubters, and infidels have founded many charities, and before enumerating a few of them, allow me to say that hospitals and asylums were founded in China, India, Egypt, and Athens long before Christianity was born, and if anyone asked a Christian 300 years after Christ was born "What hospitals have you founded?" "What asylums have you built?" he would have been obliged to say, "None."

Dr. Nicholas Senn, a renowned Chicago surgeon, says: "The finest hospital I ever saw was owned by the Sultan of Turkey."

To return to the agnostic charities. What of Stephen Girard, an infidel, who founded the college in Philadelphia bearing his name, where thousands of orphans have been fed, clothed and educated, and which has an endowment fund of over \$20,000,000? In addition to this great gift, he gave large sums throughout his lifetime to hospitals, to deaf and dumb and orphan asylums, to the Lancaster schools for the relief of poor Masons, for various other charities in Philadelphia, and \$300,000 for the absolutely poor. At the time of the cholera epidemic in Philadelphia, when the people fled panic stricken from the city, this infidel went into the hospitals as a nurse and cared for the sick and dying who had been deserted. Alfred Noble, an Agnostic, gave a vast fortune, the income from which was to be distributed in five yearly prizes for the benefit of humanity, and one of which, the peace prize of \$40,000, we all hope to see bestowed on President Roosevelt next year.

Mr. Wallace C. Andrews of New York, who died a few years ago, gave \$5,000,000 to endow a college for orphan girls. Mr. Butland of Toronto bequeathed \$50,000 to the Toronto hospitals. Pete Brigham gave \$3,000,000 to build hospitals in Boston. Mr. James Lick of California gave \$1,000,000 to found an astronomical observatory, which has one of the finest telescopes in the world. John Redmon of Boston left \$400,000 to the Massachusetts General Hospital. James Smithson gave \$500,000 to found the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. And all of these men were Agnostics. Nor is Andrew Carnegie identified with any church.

I might enumerate many others, like Robert Owen, whose whole life was devoted to philanthropy; John Howard, the most famous philanthropist of the eighteenth century; all infidels; but why go further.

SUE M. FARRELL.

To this the Editor of the Truth-seeker adds: The observatory is but one of Mr. Lick's many public gifts and charities. He gave the funds for the City Hall historical statuary in San Francisco and for the Academy of Sciences; presented the Society of California Pioneers with the valuable grounds on which their building is erected (if he did not contribute largely toward the building itself) and endowed the Old Ladies Home in the same city. His other benefactions are numerous.

He might have added that a large proportion of the support for such institutions was derived from "infidels." Who does not know that in all towns the infidels are called upon to support the churches and all orthodox institutions. I know of one Methodist minister who went to my father and informed him what amount he wanted, and seemed inexpressibly shocked when his demand was not complied with. He

then said, "Well, if you expect to live in our community and be supported by our people, you have got to help support our institutions." The reply can be left to the imagination of the reader. This same minister secured about \$30 worth of lumber from me under false pretenses, claiming my father had agreed to give it to them, which they never paid for, but I presume that was done "for the glory of God," and as Paul said, "If the truth of God hath more abounded unto his glory through my lie why am I also judged a sinner?"

The church has always taken credit to itself for everything that has been done, while it has not been entitled to it but a small proportion of the time. History records the fact that all great improvements have come up not on account of but in spite of the churches. Telescopes, steam engines, water-wheels, saw-mills, telegraph, in fact, it is hard to mention anything that was produced over fifty years ago that did not have to run the gauntlet of ecclesiastical opposition. Since then "infidels" have had more power in the land and greater improvements have resulted than in the entire previous years of Christianity.

There is too much cry of "stop thief" in this continual dinging of churchmen on "infidelity." Let this last remark should not be understood by some of our readers we will explain that a man stole a pair of shoes and was chased by the people. Seeing escape impossible he dropped the shoes, and running along joined the cry of "stop thief," the people supposed the thief to be ahead, joined in the chase and he lost himself in the crowd and escaped capture. [Ed.]

QUERY AND ANSWER.

MATERIALIZATION.

"Is there in this country, one medium that is endorsed by the President or Secretary of the N. S. A.?"

"If all is a fraud, or nearly so, what is any other phase of Mediumship, made and ordained by any association as Professor, Reverend, Doctor or Pastor with half-fare good for?"

W. J.

Malden, Mass.

We are not in position to answer for the President and Secretary of the N. S. A., write to them at 600 Penn. Ave., S. E., Washington, D. C. and ask them the question.

It has been repeated so many times that it seems useless to repeat again that the N. S. A. does not ordain ministers, or make professors, doctors or pastors, or give them half-fare on the railroads. Spiritualists are like other people and many of them want ordained ministers to perform certain functions that the laws of our land say shall be performed by clergymen. It is a legal matter. As the railroads give half fare to Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Salvation Army, monks and nuns, and as the Spiritualists travel far more than any other class, why should not the Spiritualists take advantage of it? Societies have to pay traveling expenses of the mediums and speakers they employ and especially out in the west where trips are hundreds of miles each, it is quite an item.

There is no authority in Spiritualism for the title of doctor or professor. These two titles are assumed, or as is more frequently the case, a person delivers a little talk and the people call him professor. He rubs someone's headache away and is immediately dubbed doctor. After a few weeks or months he gets out printed matter with it on, and as a matter of fact, these titles have become more odious than honorable in many cases.

What is defeat? Nothing but education; nothing but the first step to something better.—Wendell Phillips.

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W. H. BACH, Managing Editor.

HAVE WE SPIRIT DRAWINGS OF MARS?

For some time there has been considerable said about Mars. This is not to be wondered at as it is the nearest of our heavenly visitants, except the moon, and we can observe it much more clearly than any of the rest. Another thing, it presents phenomena to the telescope that shows it to be more in line with our planet than any other of the heavenly bodies we know of.

One medium in particular claims to have been there, written a sketch of the planet and to have given us some drawings of things as they appear there.

These statements it is not the province of THE SUNFLOWER either to affirm or deny. But we do think that Spiritualists should have good and sufficient reasons for giving such a claim to the world.

It seems to us that it would be a very easy matter to give some positive evidence on the subject. Tests

ber of years. Wonder if Mr. Reichwald recognizes in the editor of THE SUNFLOWER an old customer of his of twenty-one years ago this winter buying vegetables to be shipped to Minnesota?

"About two hundred Japanese girls belonging to leading families will come under the influence of the woman missionary who has been appointed from the English Church Missionary Society to teach English in the Peers' school in Tokio. She will not be permitted to give religious instruction of any kind in school hours, but has ample opportunity for Christian instruction at other times."

Is this an honorable proposition? It is evident that this teacher was hired to give a certain line of instruction. Then the remark, "She will have ample opportunity for Christian instruction at other times" shows that they sent her with the deliberate intention of teaching what she was supposed not to do, at times she was not engaged in her professional duties in the school. Christianity and missionary societies may call this honorable. If it was done in business life it would give the one who did it such a black eye that he would never hear the last of it.

THE GREENBACKER DISCUSSES THANKSGIVING DAY.



Say! I had to resurrect myself just as soon as I saw that Thanksgiving proclamation. You know every year our President of this glorious United States, which is not a Christian Nation, has appointed a day of Thanksgiving. This year it is to be November 30th.

How thankful the turkeys will be when their heads are cut off to help make us thankful! How the oysters will enjoy being cut out of their shells! How the roosters will crow to think that they will be offered up on the altar of our Thanksgiving, and at some boarding-houses they will masquerade as turkey! How glad the hired girls will be and the girls who are not hired girls but who have to cook for a week to get ready for Thanksgiving! Oh! how

back so we will have it to loan to them when they get ready to fight again.

When we thought we had got about all out of them that we ought to we "tendered our good offices,"

stopped the fight, and got the plaudits of the entire world. You bet we have got something to be thankful for!

Oh, I am glad we have Thanksgiving. It brings us together, gives us

family gatherings, helps us to keep acquainted with each other, and gives us a good dinner. So we will let Teddy do it again.

Your Friend,
 A. GREENBACKER.

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But, you say, we can not do that with the "Message from Mars." We certainly can—in a manner. This medium claims she can get messages, or did get them, from Mars. We do not deny it. Now for a proof. Let her get a message from Europe. Let a committee in England (our good brothers Wallis and Morse would be thoroughly reliable members) arrange a message to be sent to America. Let the medium get that message and give it to its proper recipients in America, and it will go far towards proving that the messages from Mars are reliable.

Now to prove the messages from Mars, let the communicating committee from Mars tell us something about their planet, have our astronomers point their telescopes towards that point and prove it true, and there you are. Demonstrated conclusively.

Spiritualism must give some such tests if she wishes to attain the position of an exact science.

SQUIBBLETS.

And now they claim that St. Paul was a Frenchman. That his imperfect knowledge of Greek caused him to use 500 words from the old French tongue. Pretty soon they will claim that Jehovah could not speak Hebrew.

We learn through the Truthseeker that the thugs who attacked E. C. Reichwald and destroyed the sight of his left eye have been found guilty by the jury that tried them. The punishment should be such as would fit the crime. Mr. Reichwald has been secretary of the American Secular Union for a num-

ber of years. Wonder if Mr. Reichwald recognizes in the editor of THE SUNFLOWER an old customer of his of twenty-one years ago this winter buying vegetables to be shipped to Minnesota?

I had to soliloquize a little, you know, and think how thankful I and my brothers are that Thanksgiving Day did not originate in France. How we would have to hop to save our legs if it had! Why! they would have eaten the legs off from ten millions of us if they celebrated as the Americans do.

But, after all, do you know, I am rather glad that that fast day was changed to a feast day. Ain't you? Just think what a difference that one little letter "E" made in it! Fast days are soon forgotten. But FEAST days we never forget. Had that ship never arrived from England and they had a day of fasting and prayer, few of us would have joined them at this late day. We would not have remembered their sufferings, and would not have desired to have renewed our memory, and we would have said to the few old fogies who wanted to remember it, "Well, you go ahead if you want to, we are not in it." But when it came to a feast day and we had a prospect of getting our stomachs full, every man Jack of us joined the gang at a moment's notice. Not only that, we bequeathed our membership to our posterity—posterity is good, isn't it?—and they have kept it up every year since. For my part, while I sympathize with the turkeys, chickens, geese and ducks, I am glad that the ship came in. I don't like fasting. Feasting agrees with me so much better.

Have we anything to be thankful for? Sure Mike! The Japs and Russians had a terrible row and we had a chance to sell them a lot of things to help it along. We could send them coal, arms and ammunition, food-stuffs and anything else they wanted, as long as we did not get caught at it. Of course we violated the laws of neutrality, but we "gotta de mun" which was the principal thing we were after.

Then the Russians had all their war-ships that amounted to anything destroyed, and they had to borrow \$350,000,000 to build some more. We are going to lend them \$50,000,000 at a good interest, and we are going to build some of the ships for them and get our money

The Sunflower's Winter Campaign.

OLD weather will be with us soon and then you will want reading matter. Then THE SUNFLOWER will come in handy when the wind is blowing and the snow is on the ground.

WE HAVE SOME RARE TREATS

in store for our readers this winter.

PROF. W. M. LOCKWOOD

will give us a series of articles on the Brain. You know the Professor takes the practical side of everything, and ends by proving Spiritualism by what he has forced all the best thinkers to accept.

J. N. LARSON

is a well known Astrologer. We will have a series of forecasts from him. Mr. Larson has correctly forecasted the seasons at Lily Dale for a number of years, and his forecasts of the stock market have been called for very widely.

MYRTLE HYDE DARLING

will also continue the series of articles that have been running in THE SUNFLOWER for the past two years. They are short, practical and to the point.

CHARLES DAWBARN,

whose articles have caused such widespread comment and interest, will continue to favor us.

"QUAKER"

will continue his good thoughts. Short, pithy and palatable.

J. P. COOKE

has been one of us so long that we would be lost without him. But we will not be lost. He will be heard from every little while.

Among the occasional contributors we can mention Lida Briggs Browne, than whom there is no better, George B. Ferris, Lewis R. Hillier, Rose B. Helm, Eva A. Cassell, Samuel Blodgett, W. D. Reichner, Dr. J. C. Barnes, H. V. Sweringen, Lyman C. Howe, D. W. Hull, and many others, while our good friends

MOSES AND MATTIE HULL

will favor us more than semi-occasionally.

Can You Afford to be without **THE SUNFLOWER** This Winter?

Send your dollar for it at once, and get in with the procession.

LILY DALE NEWS.

Buffalo Notes

N. H. EDDY, Correspondent.

Mrs. Briddell is nursing at Burnhams.

Miss Lucy Green has returned to her home in Michigan.

Mrs. Maggie Turner has gone to Little Valley, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Devereaux have gone to Jamestown for the winter.

Nan Wilson has gone to Wheeling, W. Va., for the winter.

Mrs. Langworthy has returned and will remain with Mrs. D. W. Henderson for a few weeks.

Mrs. Enches started for home at Columbus, Pa. She will visit friends in Erie and other places en route.

Mrs. Hyde went to Jamestown to remain over Sunday with the Cornells.

Dr. and Mrs. Waterhouse of Fredonia drove up and looked over their cottage seeing that it was prepared for the winter.

Mrs. Dederick had the misfortune to catch her foot in a broken plank and sustained a serious fall, injuring her ankle and knee. She is being cared for by her sister, Mrs. Cady.

Mrs. McKerrow and Mrs. F. Corden White have gone to Buffalo. Mrs. McKerrow will go to her home in Arcade, N. Y. Mrs. White will return here for a short time.

T. C. Saunders, formerly of Devil's Lake, N. D., but lately of Washington, D. C., was a pleasant caller at the SUNFLOWER office. He expects to spend the winter in the Isle of Pines.

A letter from Mr. L. C. Hutchinson, from Collinwood, O., informs us that his granddaughter is somewhat better and they have a very hopeful feeling. They may be there for several weeks yet.

Read our special premium offer on page 2.

The question of License or No-License is up at the election to be held this week, and a meeting was held in Library Hall Sunday at 3 p. m.

The attendance was somewhat limited. Under the laws of this State each township can vote on the question of license or no-license every two years. This township has been dry for the past two years and the present question is, shall it remain so for the coming two years or not.

Nearly all of our Lake Helen contingency have followed the birds south. Mrs. E. H. Thompson, Mrs. Mary Hardenburg, George Van Slyke, Mrs. N. L. Nutting, Mrs. Scott and son, Mrs. Sherman and daughter, Mrs. Lloyd and son and daughter, Mrs. Emma Forbes and Albert Crandell made up a party and are now enjoying the balmy air of Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Morse have started on their trip, but will visit friends on their way to Jacksonville, where they expect to spend the winter. Mr. and Mrs. A. Norman will remain here for some days before starting for Lake Helen. Mrs. Nutting had not intended to go, but not having been well for some time, on the advice of Dr. Hyde, she decided to spend the winter south so made hasty preparations to go with the others.

CONFERENCE.

Last Sunday the Conference met at Mrs. F. Corden White's. There was a good attendance and the subject, "The Efficacy of Prayer," was given a very thorough airing.

This week it met at Mrs. Greenamyer's, the subject was, "Mediumship, Its Uses and Abuses." The subject made a very interesting discussion and was participated in by nearly everyone present. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Graham Turner's next Sunday evening at 7:30. Subject, "Will Power."

All things have their value, all things have their importance, but in comparison to the basic oneness, the foundation unity, the real harmony between us all, our varying surface-structures are trifles, our different dresses are trifles, our different houses, incomes, occupations, rank, manners, opinions are trifles.

Seek to do the thing you have to do, that you find yourself compelled to do, better than you ever did anything before, better than you find it done by any other, and see the development it is to you, the glory of a new consciousness arise within you.—Lida Hood Talbot

Mrs. Stumpf of Brooklyn, N. Y., is stopping in Buffalo for a short time. She is seeking to spread the truths of Spiritualism wherever she goes.

Miss Juergensen of Brooklyn is in Buffalo and working in the interest of Spiritualism, and aside from local work, she gives advice by correspondence. Her address is at Hotel Victoria, 570 Main St., Buffalo.

Mrs. M. Whitaker and Mr. Wm. Whitaker, accompanied by his wife, expect to leave Buffalo about Nov. 9 to spend the winter at Lake Helen, Florida. We wish them a pleasant and enjoyable season in their winter home.

The Ladies Aid Society connected with First Spiritual church, will hold a card party in the Temple, Prospect and Jersey street, Friday evening, Nov. 10th. Come and bring your friends. Prizes to winners. Refreshments served. A good time may be expected.

Nov. 14th the Y. P. S. I. give a social and dance in parlors of Temple, Prospect and Jersey Sts. Supper served.

Good audiences are reported Sunday evenings at Harmony Circle Society, also at Sterlings Hall.

Wednesday evening, Nov. 1, Dr. Wm. Lockwood gave an interesting talk to the goodly number who were present. Mr. Lockwood was followed by Miss Juergensen, Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Stumpf, they, through their mediumship, gave Spirit messages. Dr. Lockwood goes to Philadelphia for the months of Nov. and Dec. He has done efficient work and very satisfactory to the First Society the past three Sundays. Dr. Austin serves our society during November. He is an interesting speaker.

At close of the services Wednesday evening, Nov. 1, a special meeting of trustees and members was held for the purpose of electing a president and vice-president. Dr. Lockwood was called to act as chairman. The nominees for president and vice-president were: R. H. Hoyt and Jacob Holmstead. The votes resulted in the election of R. H. Hoyt as president and Jacob Holmstead as vice president, after which, meeting adjourned.

Sunday, Oct. 29, the First Spiritual Society was served by Wm. Lockwood. The morning service he spoke upon the following subject: "The Philosophy of Spiritualism," amplified and explained by answering questions solicited from the audience. Evening subject: "How can we aid the popular mind to understand what Spiritualism and Mediumship really are." These subjects were treated in a most able and instructive manner. Many points were touched upon in a very scholarly way. Mr. Lockwood's service has been very satisfactory to the First Society, and to those who listened to his very able discourse. We look ahead with much interest to months of February and March, when he will be with us again. Mr. Lockwood goes to Philadelphia for November and December. A rich treat is in store for those who are able to hear him expound the facts and truths of nature.

AN OLD-TIME SERMON.

About thirty years ago there appeared in the New Orleans "Picayune" a sermon which attracted immediate attention and secured wide currency. It was at once recognized as a genuine transcription. It purported to have been delivered by a volunteer preacher, who making his livelihood as captain of a flat-boat, happened to "lay up" over Sunday by a Mississippi landing. An idle crowd being collected, he organized an impromptu congregation, and produced a discourse which has obtained a standard place in American comic literature. He began:—

"I may say to you, my brethering, that I am not an educated man, an' I am not one o' them as believes an edication is necessary in a minister of the Gospel; for I believe the Lord edicates his preachers jest as he wants 'em to be edicated; and although I says it as ought not to say it, in the state of Alabama, where I live, there's no man what gits bigger congregashions nor what I gits."

"There may be some here to-day,

my brethering, as don't know what persuasion I am uv. Well, I must say to you that I am a Hard-shell Baptist. Thar is some folks as don't like the Hard-shell Baptists, but, as far as I sees, it's better to have a hard shell than no shell at all. You see me here to-day, my brethering, dressed up in fine clothes; you mout think I was proud. But I am not proud, my brethering. For, although I've been a preacher of the gospel for nighly twenty year, an' am capting of that flat-boat at your landing, I am not proud, my brethering. I am not a-gwine to tell you adactly whar my tex is to be found; suffice it to say it's in the led's of the Bible, and you'll find it somewhere between the first chapter of the book of Generations and the last chapter of the book of Revolution; and ef you'll go an' sarch the scriptures, you'll not only find my tex thar but a good many other texes as will do you good to read, and when you shall find my tex, you shall find it read thus:—'An' he played upon a harp of a thousand strings—sperrits of just men made perfick.'

"But I'll tell you what kind of sperrits as are meant in the tex, my brethering. It's FIRE. That's the kind of sperrits as is meant in the tex, my brethering. Now, of course ther is a great many kinds of fire in the world. In the fust place, there's the common sort of fire you light your pipe with, and there's fox-fire and camphire, fire afore you're ready an fire-an'-fall-back, and many other kinds of fire; for the tex says 'he played upon a harp of a thousand strings—sperrits of just men made perfick.'

"But I'll tell you the kind of as is meant in the tex, my brethering. It is Hell-fire! An' that's the kind of fire a good many of you are coming to ef you don't do better nor what you have been doin,' for 'he played upon a harp of a thousand strings—sperrits of just men made perfick.'

"Now, the different sorts o' fire in the world may be likened to the different persuasions of Christians in the world. In the fust place, we have the 'Piscopilians. And they are a high-sailin' an' a hifaultin' set, and may be likened onto a turkey buzzard a-flyin' up in the air, an' he goes up, an' up, an' up, until he looks no bigger'n your finger-nail, an' the fust thing you know he comes down and down, and is a-fillin' hisself on the carcass of a dead hoss by the side of a road, for the tex says 'he played upon a harp of a thousand strings—sperrits of just men made perfick.'

"Then thar is the Methodists, and they may be likened unto a squirrel a-climbin' up into a tree, for the Methodist believes in gwine on from grace to grace till they gits to perfection; an so the squirrel goes up an up, an' jumps from limb to limb and from branch to branch, and the fust thing you know he falls, an' down he comes, kerflumex, for they is always fallin' from grace; for the tex says 'he played upon a harp of a thousand strings—sperrits of just men made perfick.'

"An' then, my brethering, thar's the Baptists, ah. An' they have been likened to a 'possum on a sim-mon-tree; and thunders may roll and the yearth may quake; but the 'possum clings thar still, ah; and you may shake one foot loose, an' the other's thar, ah! and you may shake all feet loose, and he wraps his tail around the limb, an' clings, an' clings forever, for 'he played upon a harp of a thousand strings—sperrits of just men made perfick.'

Irreligious as this may seem, grotesque and preposterous, it is not overstated. In the old time, and on the borders of civilization, such sermons were by no means uncommon. They are still to be heard in the "back settlements," as they are called; and while those who make them pass for what they are worth as preachers, their sincerity goes unchallenged and unquestioned.

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Where mind sinks 'neath the heart's dictates,
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It is the great Confessional wherein the soul receives absolution of all doubt, where the tumult of fear is stilled, and the right spirit is renewed within us.

The Silence where God dwells, there is the place of peace! It is the natural home of the soul when thru renunciation, it seeks for spiritual refreshment, for the body and blood of spiritual substance.

How shall we find this holy dispensation of Infinite Love, provided for the children of earth? By seeking it when sore beset; by training ourselves to be still; by disciplining ourselves to listen for the inward speech, the soundless voice, which is the spiritual heritage of every soul that cometh into the world, and which links it to its divine source forever.

We all have moments when the burdens of this human journey lie so heavily upon us that our soul stands mute before them, when the cry of pain locks our heart within us and the desolation of vacancy encompasses us, for no soul escapes the travail of ascension. It is in some such hour that we are brought to the door of the Silence, in some inarticulate hour when every joy is nateralized by pain, that we find the door of the Confessional, and, entering into it, we pray the prayer of absolute stillness.

"Be still, and know that I am God."

This is the incense of the prayer which arises from the holy heart, the heart that renounces the world.

When sore beset and longing to escape from your hurts and your outer self, seek to meditate upon the immensity of the universe; upon its boundless expanses; its marvelous stellar distances; the illuminated vault above with its limitless fields of suns, stars and seed-worlds, and find yourself soothed and expanded with your contemplation. Do not stop here, but withdraw yourself on this calming wave of realization of immensity and seek the internal quiet, and there learn to still the chopping waves of thots concerning your poor human woes (that are soon beguiled) and be still and wait!

Learn to wait upon the voice within you! Try it, not only once, but many, many times, and some day, in some wonderful hour, the marvel of your effort will come upon you and the miracle of the Spirit which inhabits every soul will speak its comforting word to your weary heart. And you will emerge from your closet refreshed with new blood, and expanded mind and an ecstatic soul, for you have renewed the Cup of Life from the fountain

of its Source, and communed with the assuaging Power. You have obeyed the words of the great Master and laid your own will down upon the altar of Spirit, and its truth has healed you from your sorrows and connected you with the Will of God.

Suffering is but the resistance of the spirit. Ignorance is but the blindness to its presence and its power.

When we gain above a thing, it has no longer any power to hurt us; when we are no longer afraid, thru knowledge, we are freed from it and it no longer exists for us.

Do not despair when things stand in the way; be sure they will stand there no longer than they serve a divine purpose, and in this understanding you will know that you are a human servant to Spirit! And when the necessity is past and the lesson is learned by the soul, the obstacle will be removed by our intelligence gained by the travail of your effort.

When a wall faces a necessity presses, something will always happen to relieve the situation if the dependence is upon the Spirit; for Spirit interpenetrates every action of the soul in its terrestrial journey. There could be no embodiment of the soul if spirit and matter were not co-operative. There is no place or point of space where Spirit is not; its presence is only hidden from eyes that will not look beyond, from the human intellect that will not seek beyond the marvels of the material envelope. Only thru the acknowledgement of the Spirit may we hope to become masters of our fate. We will be overcome by the world as long as we live in externals and value the things of the world, and allow them to weight us with their clogging material, allow them to destroy us by our dependence upon them.

A friend writes, for we are all friends in spirit: "Why is it that I have so many small disasters? I am very careful and mindful of small things, of details, and yet I have been the object of catastrophe all my life!"

It is obvious, the cause of "disaster" and "catastrophe." The outlook is from the inside out; ever outward! The material world is more valuable to this friend than the spiritual; she is not growing inwardly, which is the absolute necessity for the gain of peace.

I know a woman whose love of possession is very great, and as soon as she becomes possessed of anything its beauty and value are greatly enhanced, even unto tenfold. She possessed more than she could use of rich velvets, silks and other fine fabrics. So she carefully—oh so carefully!—packed them away in a great box and had them stored and locked very strongly in a big storage depot while she went on a trip around the world. She tarried a good while among strange peoples and in foreign lands and gathered no end to more beautiful things. She finally returned and after a time sought the box of fine stuffs, which upon opening, she found utterly destroyed. A small knothole in the box had received the drip of the only leak in the roof of the big storage depot, and everything was ruined. She mourned, like Rachel for her darling "things," and "would not be comforted;" and, as far as I know, has not yet learned the lesson. She is employed with the "things" of this world, and disaster follows her; detracts her thru moth and rust.

The only surety, the only safety, is by the Spirit. The only peace is gained thru the Gates of Silence. The only happiness is thru the comforting inspiration of the Spirit.

As space is to the natural universe, so is the limitlessness of Spirit to the soul of man.

"And to get peace, if you do want it, make for yourself nests of pleasant thots." To get peace, seek for the Inner Peace, and, stilling every riotous thot, every wandering thot, wait for the Voice of the Comforter. For only there may peace be found, and understanding—that understanding which connects with surety of absolute truth.

MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES.

Soft, Droppy, Clashy.

It is customary for wayfarers in Cumberland to address passing remarks to one another on the subject of the weather, and the dialect is rich in terms denoting the various conditions of the atmosphere. The usual salutation, "It's a fine day," evokes the reply, "Aye, it will, but A doubt we'll have a sup of rain afore neet, because A looked at the glass and A seed she'r slipped a bit." When the weather is wet it is said to be "saft," when showery it is "droppy," when windy it is "blowy," when wet and windy it is "clashy" or "slashy." If drizzly, it is described as "daggy;" if rough weather, it is "coarse;" if muddy, "clarty;" if dry, "droffy;" if misty, "rowky;" if slippery, "slape."

At certain times of the year a very violent wind rushes down from the top of Cross fell. It is locally known as the "helm wind"—that is, the whirlwind or whirlwind—and during the time it prevails the weather is said to be "helmy." When it shows signs of improvement, an opinion is expressed that it is "going to take up" or "going to come out fair." A fall of snow is termed a "storm," and when it settles fast upon the ground a "feeding storm."—London Express.

What Food Economy Means.

Economy in food does not imply prohibition. It is neither vegetarianism, fruitarianism, natarianism nor any kind of "ism." It means simply temperance in diet, with the application of available scientific knowledge; the use of reason and intelligence, combined with a due appreciation of the dignity of the body and the necessity of meeting the daily wants without imperiling that high degree of efficiency which helps to render man physically and mentally supreme. Practically this implies the avoidance of the large quantities of proteid food so commonly made use of by civilized man, with the substitution of a dietary characterized by a predominance of the lighter vegetable foods. In this respect it leans somewhat toward vegetarianism. The heavier meats of our daily diet can be advantageously replaced in part by lighter articles of diet less rich in proteid and with more frequent addition of green vegetables, fruits and corresponding articles of food less prone to yield objectionable decomposition products.—Russell H. Chittenden in Century.

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"We made twenty knots an hour last night, miss."

"Did you really?" said the sweet girl. "And whatever did you do with them all?"

The captain went red and his eyes dilated.

"Threw them overboard," he said shortly.

"Fancy!" she said. "Now, do you know, I always understood that you captains made the poor, dear sailors untie those knots the next day."

Then the skipper hurried away with a groan, plunging his head in a pail of cool water and kicking the cabin boy mightily.

The Clerk Was Right.

"Well," said Wymat, as he vainly tried to get into a No. 12 shoe with the aid of four shoe horns, "the clerk that sold me these shoes was right. I should have worn the box."

Mushrooms.

Tommy—Papa, is it always damp where they raise mushrooms? Papa—Yes, my son. Tommy—Is that why they look like umbrellas?

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Let me give a few facts in reply to your correspondent of last Sunday who called on the unorthodox to state who among them had ever done, or was now doing, any good in the world.

The five women who have reached the highest intellectual plane—Mary Somerville, Harriet Martineau, Frances Power Cobbe, George Eliot and Mrs. Humphrey Ward—are all classed as "unbelievers." Miss Cobbe was a leader in many philanthropic works. The four who have done the most good in the world of the sort your correspondent refers to are unquestionably Florence Nightingale, Mary Carpenter, Dorothea Dix and Clara Barton—all "unbelievers." To these may be added Mary Livermore, Catherine Sedgwick, Helen Hunt Jackson, Julia Ward Howe, Louisa Schuyler, Margaret Fuller, Lydia Maria Child, Maria Mitchell, Louisa M. Alcott, Celia Thaxter, Mrs. Gaskell, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the authors of the hymns "Nearer, My God, to Thee" and "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"—all Unitarians. Can "Orthodoxy" match that list?

Come now to the men best known for philanthropy: Stephen Girard, Samuel G. Howe, Joseph Tuckerman, Peter Cooper, Samuel J. May, Henry Bergh, Abbott Lawrence, Enoch Pratt, John Smithson, Gerritt Smith, Andrew Carnegie, A. A. Low and William H. Baldwin, and Captain Goddard of your city—all Unitarians.

The entire anti-slavery movement up to the time of the war was conducted by the unorthodox, the church frowning on it, insisting that slavery was a divine institution; and the temperance movement for a long time had to make its way unaided by the church. The first temperance movement in New York and the first attempt to relieve women from their legal disabilities were started by a judge of the Mariae Court, whose name for the moment escapes me, who was an Atheist.

Most of the greatest names in our early history—Jefferson, Adams, Monroe, Franklin, Madison, Chief Justice Marshall and Morris were unorthodox, and Morris who was considered the closest friend of Washington, told Jefferson, as recorded by Jefferson, that Washington was in belief a Deist. The great liberators Mazzini and Kosuth were outside the pale, as was also Abraham Lincoln.

I could add a long and distinguished list of other names of those who have helped and uplifted the world by great discoveries, great deeds, or literary creation—all unorthodox.

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THE BRAIN.

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The brain is composed of gray cineritious, white, or medullary matter. It sometimes weighs as much as sixty-four ounces, and again as low as thirty ounces in different adults. The brain is divided into hemispheres, each of which contains the complement of the other, giving the quality of power necessary in case of accident, since one-half can do the work of both. A band of white fibres joins the hemispheres just above the medulla oblongata. This is called the corpus callosum. The hemispheres constitute the cerebrum, or large brain. The cerebellum, or small brain, which is not convoluted like the cerebrum lies at the posterior of the skull.

The lobes of the brain are called the anterior, parietal, occipital, temporo sphenoidal, and the center lobe. Three membranes cover the brain; the dura mater, a tough fibrous membrane, joining the interior to the skull; the arachnoid, or spider's web membrane, which though very thin, contains an oily solution, providing for blood vessels, and acts as a cushion; the pia mater, which is beneath and between the convolutions and fissures. These coverings, with the skull, skin, and hair, make so wise a protection that the brain may be considered the best protected organ of the body.

There are five ventricles which contain fluid, and these are united by passages or railway lines, the first two, the lateral ventricles, are the largest and most important. Twelve pairs of cerebral nerves ramify throughout the brain and

pass out of the skull to the face, eye, lungs, heart, and stomach.

The large head does not necessarily give power. It is the quality that counts. The average brain is composed of three hundred millions of nerve cells. A cell lives sixty days, so five millions die every day, to be replaced by an equal number, and a totally new brain is formed thus, every sixty days.

Origin of the Sabbath.

Professor Meinhold in a recent issue of the Kolnische Zeitung introduces a very interesting article with the question: "Where did our seven day week and its Sabbath originate?" The answers to this question have been many, and there is still no general agreement in reference to the matter. The Jews carry the answer directly back to God; the Deity created the world in six days and rested the seventh. "But," says Professor Meinhold, "we can not hold to this interpretation, as was clearly recognized by the writer of the fourth Gospel: 'My Father worketh hitherto and I work also. I must do the work of the one who sent me while the day lasts. The night cometh when no one can work.' But in spite of this fact," continues Professor Meinhold, "the Hebrew view of the origin of the Sabbath (which is really merely a result of the Hebrew esteem for this holy day, to the observance of which even God must bow), has been preserved in Christian forms. It is believed that the command to rest on Sunday, which is considered the same day as the Hebrew Sabbath, is a command of religion which is good for all time.

"If we discard the Hebrew origin we come to the conclusion that Babylon gave us the Sabbath and the seven-day week. According to Frederick Delitzsch 'there is no doubt that in the last analysis we owe the blessing of the Sabbath to that ancient nation of the Euphrates and the Tigris.' Careful critics have concluded that we can not believe Nomadic Israel to have rested every seventh day. The Sabbath as a day of rest is a day of the agriculturalist and not of the nomad. Thus Israel in Canaan, when it exchanged nomadic for agricultural life, received the custom of the Sabbath as well as any other Canaanite observances. The only thing new was the close connection in which this day was placed to Jehovah, the Israelite God. And there is every reason to believe that the Canaanites obtained the Sabbath from Babylon, together with many other social forms. Furthermore, the name Sabbath, as well as the observance of the seventh day as a day of atonement and rest, is preserved in Babylonian literature.

To Find Proof Of Human Soul.

If the plans of Mrs. Charles F. Joy, wife of the former St. Louis congressman are carried out, a \$1,000,000 university, of which the object will be the study of occult and psychic phenomena, the human soul and all the arts and sciences of the "new thought," not recognized by established schools, will be built, says a dispatch from St. Louis to the Rochester Post-Express. Mrs. Joy proposes to establish a colony where the sciences of life and laws, duties and responsibilities of parenthood will be studied.

A site overlooking the Pacific ocean, near Santa Barbara, Cal., for the school and 20,000 acres in Arizona for the colony have been offered for the institution.

"The age of prejudice and bigotry is fast passing away," said Mrs. Joy last night, "and the world is willing to be informed on what is really meritorious. This is the foundation upon which the school will be established. My plan is to bring about the formation of a university in which the great trinity—the human soul, mind and body—will be properly trained, each in conjunction with the other and not the sacrifice of one by ignoring the other, as now too largely prevails.

"It is intended" the new school will be a twentieth century institution for the benefit of man. It will make a scientific investigation of all so-called psychic phenomena and will stimulate the invention of mechanical instruments capable of registering psycho-physical forces.

"I believe that under the progress possible by such a university, the time will come when we shall be able to furnish scientific proof of the existence of the soul, proof of which is yet lacking."

—Buffalo News.

SHORT STORIES.

There are 8,840,789 negroes in the United States, but only 2,577 of African birth.

The total number of men in the United States liable to military service is 11,126,750.

Only 1 per cent of the telegrams sent overseas are concerned with family or private matters. The rest are of a purely commercial, journalistic or official nature.

William Dutcher, president of the National Association of Audubon Societies, has received a check for \$100,000 from a well known man of the financial world, the money to be used in furthering the objects of the organization.

A Shelburne Falls (Mass.) merchant ran a contest based on the length of time that a big candle in his window would burn. It burned ninety-eight hours, fifty-six minutes and forty-six seconds. The nearest guess was ninety-nine hours.

A brown African goose in North Attleboro, Mass., lately amazed its owner by producing an egg of extraordinary size. Around its longest circumference it measured eleven and seven-eighths inches and ten inches around its shortest. The goose weighs nineteen pounds.

MILLINERY.

Most hats lift high at the side or well built up underneath at the back.

Soft velvet crowns on the order of tams appear on many of the new hats. Shell buckles are new, and a large one holds the stems of two long shaded plumes in the peacock colors on a deep blue hat.

A hat with an ashes of roses velvet trim has a soft crown in tam effect of soft old blue. There is a single pink rose at the front.

Prune is one of the new colors for hats. A handsome one of this shade is raised at the front to show masses of myrtle green plumes.

A bunch of pink roses in the center of the front of the rim of a big black hat holds in place a black dotted net veil, which is edged with applique lace. The veil covers the hat and falls to the waist in the back.—New York Times.

EDITORIAL FLINGS.

Long skirts, which the women are to wear this winter, may not be sanitary, but they will assist in the movement for cleaner sidewalks.—Chicago News.

If all the digs the Panama canal is getting in the papers could be applied to the Culebra cut, it would soon give way to a water thoroughfare.—Atlanta Constitution.

There is a terrible prejudice against cheapness. For instance, the dime novel was denounced, but since it has been published for \$1.50 nobody says anything against it.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Brooklyn Eagle calls attention to the fact that 800 robberies have been committed in New York city since July 1. That's not a bad showing, considering the fact that many of the best robbers have been spending the heated term away from New York.—Washington Post.

FACTS FROM FRANCE.

French judges and judicial officials are forbidden by the etiquette of their profession to ride in an omnibus.

Ste. Anne's, an asylum for the insane in the suburbs of Paris, has a theater. The other night the opera "La Fille de Mme. Angot" was given. Many of the inmates were among the performers.

The city of Nantes, France, has municipal kitchens. The menu includes a choice of beef, soup, boiled beef, beef stew, codfish, pork and cabbage, tripe or eggs, for 2 cents, or soup, beans or rice for a cent.

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We are in receipt of the "Walt Whitman New Thought Calendar" from William E. Towne, Holyoke, Mass. It is a very neatly gotten up calendar and will doubtless be quite popular with the admirers of Whitman. We do not find any price quoted on it.

J. P. M. Peek writes: Madam Susannah Harris, a noted lecturer and trance medium of Columbus, O., who has been stopping at the Hotel Deep Rock, Oswego, N. Y., for the past few weeks, gave a very pleasing lecture in the parlors of the hotel last Sunday evening. The rooms were filled to their utmost capacity by a very intelligent audience who listened to the speaker who proved the truth of the phenomena, holding her audience while she expounded the truths of Spiritualism. After the lecture she gave a number of tests to persons in the audience, all of which were fully recognized.

F. T. S., writes from Lestershire, N. Y.: Mrs. R. W. Barton of the Elmira, N. Y., Spiritualist Church, formerly of Binghamton, returned last week and held two very successful test circles Tuesday and Wednesday evening, October 24 and 25th at the homes of Mesdames Clark and Signor. Everyone present was greeted by friends from the spirit world through Mrs. Barton's control, and the messages of love and truth were readily recognized by those who received them. Quite a few investigators were present Wednesday evening and were more than pleased and convinced of a life beyond. Mrs. Barton's control was at his best, the tests were readily recognized. Should she return again she would be greeted by a large number who are anxious to learn the truth of spirit return.

D. M. Frank writes from Corry, Pa. The 28 of Oct. the Spiritualist meeting in Home Protective Hall was presided over by S. W. Brown as Chairman with the Reverend Mary Elizabeth Clark of Syracuse as speaker and message bearer, in which she is excellent. There was a large audience who eagerly grasped every word her guides uttered and wished for more. When the forty five minute lecture was finished, the messages and answered questions were very few that were not fully recognized. We are very sorry to lose Mrs. Clark and her Spiritual guides and their teachings, but live in hopes of her return at no very distant date. She goes to serve the Spiritual Society in Hamilton, Canada the first of Dec., and our loss is their gain. May she be as successful there and elsewhere as she has here is the wish of the people in Corry.

MISSIONARY WORK IN WISCONSIN.

Mr. and Mrs. Noyes Engaged as Missionaries.

I would like to call the attention of the Spiritualists in every part of Wisconsin to the fact that we are now ready to do missionary work in every part of the state and would like to hear from the Spiritualists everywhere in the state who desire meetings in their locality.

The State Association has secured Bro. and Sister W. D. Noyes of Utica, N. Y., as missionaries, and can, with the assistance of the Spiritualists of Wisconsin, put on an active work this fall and winter. This gives us three missionaries for the present, as the President of the Association will act as missionary in any locality where his services are needed. In addition to this our Secretary, Rev. Nellie K. Baker of Portage, will serve societies and spiritual gatherings within a short distance of her home whenever the duties of her office will permit of her absence.

Now friends, this is your chance; if you cannot arrange for public meetings in halls, you can arrange for meetings in parlors, and thus aid in booming the good work. Will you not write to us at once and tell us what you can do, and ascertain upon what terms these workers can visit you.

Please address all communications regarding this missionary work to me at Milton, Rock Co., Wis., R. F. D. 10. Send in your personal membership dues to our Secretary, Rev. Nellie K. Baker, Portage, Wis. Also address her regarding any general business concerning the organized work. Should you desire to address Bro. and Sister Noyes, you can do so at Portage, care of Sister Baker, as that will be their address for the present.

We wish to send these workers thru the southern portion of the State first and the writer will go in the northern part. Now friends, write us at once, that we may get the work going with a boom. We need the work in Wisconsin, and must all pull together. Do not hesitate to express your wants, for we want to reach you and do all we can for whatever part of the state you happen to be in.

Remember also that our personal membership plan gives a chance to every Spiritualist in the state to be connected with the organized work; will you not send in your membership now—send them in so fast that Secretary Baker will need an assistant. You can do it friends, if you will.

I will be going north after the 12th of this month; should you wish me to visit your town write me at once that I may make your town en route. Those in the southern part of the state desiring our other missionaries to visit them, write me at once as they also will be starting out on their trip in a few days.

To the Spiritualists in and around Madison, I will say that we will soon be there in the interest of the good Cause, and hope they who are anxious for work there will aim to let their friends know of the fact, that they may look out for a definite announcement.

Now, Spiritualists, I am sure you desire our Cause to advance. The State Association has confidence in you—we need you and you need the State Association—let us all pull together and success will be ours.

Yours, for a revival in Wisconsin.

WILL J. ERWOOD.

President Wisconsin State Spiritualist Association.

Another Veteran Worker Has Gone.

Mary E. Wilson the faithful wife of that great pioneer worker in the Cause, E. V. Wilson, has gone to join him in the Summer Land.

Mrs. Wilson was one of the early workers in the Cause. She was a good medium and was also the editor of the Woman's Department of "The Spiritualists At Work," a weekly paper published by E. V. Wilson many years ago.

Mrs. Wilson has lived with her daughter, Lois Wilson Jellies ever since her father passed away in 1880. Mrs. Wilson was an invalid for several of the last years of her life and this loving daughter cared for her tenderly and faithfully all these long years, tho she was poor and was obliged to work hard to earn the living for herself and child.

Mrs. Jellies has about one hundred copies of the book "The Truths of Spiritualism," by E. V. Wilson,

Topic For the Progressive Lyceum.

Sunday November 12, 1905: "Kindness to Every Living Creature."

GEM OF THOT.

"I will try to be kind to all harmless living creatures, and try to protect them from cruel usage."

the sale of which will greatly assist her in settling the bill incurred during the long illness of Mrs. Wilson and the expenses of the funeral.

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Send one dollar to Mrs. Lois Wilson Jellies, 301 Union St., Valparaso, Indiana, and you will receive one of the valuable books by return mail, postage free. In doing so you will not only receive full value for your money, but you will help this good and faithful daughter of E. V. Wilson to liquidate the debts incurred by the sickness and death of our beloved arisen sister, Mary E. Wilson. Cordially,

E. W. SPRAGUE.

PASSED ON.

Osa R. White, husband of Mrs. Stella White of Menville, Ia., son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. White, and brother of F. Corden White of Jefferson, Ia. Funeral services were conducted at the home of his parents, October 24, 1905. Osa R. White was married to Miss Stella Huston on February 22nd, 1905. Aged 30 years.

F. CORDEN WHITE.

HEAVEN.

An angel came one day,
And whispered in mine ear,
"I have something sweet to say,
That will lift your load of care."

"Heaven is no distant place,
But lies around you here;
It lives in the heart of grace,
And is bright, happy and fair."

"Seek it in the homes that are poor,
Not among the rich and great;
Pray for such, but go
Lift those of mean estate."

"The Master was loving and meek
As on His mission He went,
The sinful and sick to seek,
Not to the righteous was he sent."

"Find rest in the deeds of love,
In drying the tears of woe,
For heaven is not far above
But begins in good hearts below."
Martha S. Seabrook.

BODILY MANAGEMENT.

BY J. M. HOLADAY.

Disease is a loss of shape. This loss makes room for decayed magnetism and bacterian forms—and sometimes for animalcules.

A weekly bath is a godsend, restoring the shape or plumpness of the body somewhat. Symmetry is life. Heavy rubbing is not advisable with a bath, for it may prostrate the pores. Soap also harms the general bodily surface by forcing alkali into the pores.

Soap excites the skin; yet it may sometimes be beneficial for the palm of the hand, which has a comparatively firm and independent surface. The soothing effect of a warm bath diverted Napoleon's mind from a suicidal intent at one time. Constantine tried the springs during his last campaign, but he had delayed too long.

Excessive rubbing or continued swimming draws vitality out profusely, and weakens the pores, causing melancholy. To chill the marrow is to affect the constitution.

The skin is full of touch nerves, blood vessels, absorbents, fat glands, hair follicles and tissues. Man's 28 million sweat glands remove about 38 ounces of waste from the blood each day, leaving an ounce of solid sediment on the skin. Each pore is a fourth of an inch long.

Starched shirts isolate the breast from the air, to a considerable extent, and are one of the feeders of consumption.

The Thompsonians claim that they can cure diseases if they can

cause the patient to sweat—but not otherwise. Hogs and chickens do not sweat and are quite subject to sickness.

If the kidneys are weak, the skin must work more, and is hence in greater need of sunshine and water.

Much clothing smothers the skin, to some extent, especially around the neck or feet. To go bareheaded and barefooted, like the animals is a relish.

Out-door life diminishes the need of frequent bathing.

Disinclination to bathing indicates forgetfulness, and sometimes blood weakness. The skin is extremely sensitive. About the middle of the afternoon is the best time for bathing, for then the body is most buoyant with animation.

A baby's resentfulness of bathing teaches me that excessive bathing is unnatural.

You Get As You Give.

Look for goodness, look for gladness,
You will find them all the while;
If you bring a smiling visage
To the glass, you meet a smile.

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You will find them if you do;
As you measure for your neighbor
He will measure back to you.
Alice Cary.

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N. S. A. MISSION- ARIES REPORT

(Continued from Page 1.)

dusky and Elyria. Ohio, stopping at Alliance, Ohio for three meetings and went home to rest and enjoy our vacation.

July found us again on the wing. We organized a society at Uricks-ville, Ohio, served the Elwood, Ind. society and held a three days grove meeting at Milburg, Mich., then went to Chesterfield, Indiana where our camping work began.

CAMP MEETINGS.

We filled engagements at the following named Spiritualist camp-meetings: Snowflake Camp, Central Lake, Mich. Chesterfield, Indiana, Vicksburg, Mich., and Ashley, Ohio. These camp-meetings are all doing their usual good work for the cause, and the interest seems to be increasing. At most of them the attendance was larger than last season. All of them are in sympathy with our organization. A collection for the benefit of the N. S. A. was taken at the three first named camps, and a National Association day was advertised in the Vicksburg program with Rev. Thomas Grimshaw and your missionaries as speakers. This meeting was well attended and the presentation of the good work of our organization was gladly and enthusiastically received.

The managers and workers at all of our camp meetings are entitled to great credit for their perseverance, enterprise and loyalty to our cause. The great success of the camp meetings is their reward.

At the close of our work at the camp meetings we filled an engagement Sundays and Thursdays of September with the society at Watertown, N. Y., meanwhile we held three meetings at Lafargeville, N. Y., and organized a society there. Taken altogether, we have been able to stand the work this year better than we expected at the beginning; though Mrs. Sprague was obliged to forego giving private readings almost entirely, this was a great disappointment to many of the friends.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR YEAR END- ING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1905.

Expenditures - - - \$2,188.82
Receipts - - - - - \$1,624.56

Deficit - - - - - \$564.26.

Aside from the above report, we raised for the Medium's Relief Fund \$180.89.

Notwithstanding the fact that we covered a much larger territory than last year, our expenses are less and receipts more this year.

MISSIONARY WORK NEEDED.

It is certainly true that missionary is much needed in every state where we have labored; and undoubtedly this may be said of every city, town and village within these states.

Much might be said regarding the benefits of the missionary work as well as the necessity for it in the building up of our organization. The results of our work of the last five years is a great object lesson.

The states in which most of this work has been done, now have the best and most successful organizations under the National Association, and this has been largely accomplished through the missionary work. It is impossible for any State Association to be built up or sustained without missionary work.

Other religious denominations, much older than ours, realize this and still have their State or District and National missionaries.

We know full well that our organization would grow much faster if we were able to place two good, cable missionaries in every state and keep them at work there.

MICHIGAN STATE CONVENTION.

We attended the Michigan State Convention held at Lansing, August 13th as delegates. This State Association owes a fine medium's home. It was largely donated to it by Mr. John F. Coff. It was decided to the State Ass'n. before his death. When he passed away he left a will in which he bequeathed property to the amount of about \$28,000 dollars as an endowment fund for the support of the Medium's Home. This will is now being contested in the courts and that Convention had to devise ways and means to carry the case to the Supreme Court of the

State of Michigan, where it is confidently believed that the will may be sustained.

We succeeded in raising nearly \$150.00 at this convention for that purpose, and when we left Lansing things looked favorable for the Spiritualists to continue the suit.

Whether we lose the suit or not. The Michigan State Spiritualists Association own their Medium's Home and it is free from encumbrance, and must, according to the deed, always remain so. All this would not have been possible without organization. The object lesson here given is this, it is better to give while we are here, then we will know that our gift will not be spent in a law suit, but will be used for that which we intended.

(Concluded Next Week.)

From N. S. A. Home Office.

It gives me pleasure to inform the readers of your valuable paper that the National Spiritualists' Association starts out on its new year of effort and work for the Cause of Spiritualism with good prospects and much encouragement. The recent convention held in Minneapolis has given new impetus to many of our people in different parts of the far West, to labor with greater zeal and to feel that Spiritualism and its organizations are worthy of every good thought and endeavor we can bring to them.

The action taken by this Association at the convention in discountenancing anything that is fraudulent in mediumship carries with it an influence for good, while the evident intention and effort of the N. S. A., to protect pure mediumship is well appreciated by all.

Our pleasure is to notify the world officially that the spiritual press was highly recognized at the convention for its valuable labors in the Spiritual cause and for its grand assistance to the N. S. A., and a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the editors of each of our spiritual papers for the aid and encouragement given to this organization.

It is still important that we all keep our eyes to the front and maintain a dignified attitude towards our cause and the world; Spiritualism is worthy of the highest respect, and its workers must show by their bearing that they not only love and respect their cause but that they also demand the same respect for their Spiritualism as the Christian world asks for its denominations.

The attention of all mediums, speakers, and societies is called to the effort made in different states, to place—or maintain—such a high license on the practice of mediumship as to either greatly handicap our mediums in their work or to prevent them entirely from pursuing the calling bestowed upon them by the angel world; all are requested to do the utmost they can in resisting any further legislation on this matter in their respective localities, or in seeking to have such obnoxious and repressive laws repealed. "Commercial mediumship" is one thing, but the effort to prevent honest and spiritual mediums from receiving a justly earned fee for their time and service for humanity is as gross as would be an effort to prevent any minister of the gospel receiving his salary for time and labor spent in the service of his church.

Our love and good will are extended to all mankind and especially to the toilers in our ranks—of the press, the platform or in more private ways, we are bound to them all by cords stronger than steel and finer than those of a silken web, the chords of a common purpose and of fraternity.

MARY T. LONGLEY.

N. S. A., Sec'y., Washington, D. C.

What is the definition of the universal love? It is not the passionate and servile love that is of the earth earthy; but that clear, vibrating love that pulses forth from the Great White Throne. It is not love that demands all and gives nothing, that follows the object of its love with jealous, angry eyes; but it is the love that is all-embracing. It is love that is tender, compassionate, self-effacing; the love that is sympathetic, that sees in all things the spark of the Infinite; that gives, and is blessed in giving. That gives and demands nothing.

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An old negro stopped at a country doctor's residence the other day and asked the doctor if he had any work for him to do.

"Can you do gardening?" asked the doctor.

"Yes, sah," replied the negro. "All right, then. You may fix up my lawn, paths and gardens."

The old dandy started to work, and after working two days the doctor looked around to see what had been done and noticed that the paths were covered with gravel. He said to the negro:

"What is the matter? Is it such a bad job that you have to cover the walks with dirt?"

"Doan yuh say noffin' ter me about bad jobs bein' covered with dirt," replied the dandy, getting angry. "Many a bad job ob yours has done bin covered up wid dirt."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Disguised Compliment.

They were sitting on the piazza in the autumnal twilight.

"George," she gushed in one of those nonsensical ways that girls have, "what kind of a girl do you think I am anyway?"

"Well," drawled George as he lit a cork tipped cigarette, "you remind me of a Chinese."

A wall of glaciers could not have chilled the atmosphere more.

"Sir!" she demanded in a voice that froze the air. "How dare you insult me with such a remark as that?"

The young man smiled. "No insult, my dear, but rather a compliment. You remind me of a Chinese girl because your feet are so small."

And then she threw her arms around him and said he was the sweetest man in the world.—Detroit Tribune.

An Embarrassing Blunder.

"How did your father treat George when he asked him for you?"

"It was one of papa's deaf days, and he thought George was asking him for a loan."

"What did he say?"

"He told George that while he would be glad to loan him the trifle he asked for, he had so many requests of the same character that he begged to be excused."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Force of Habit.

Waiting on the street corner, giving preference to a heavy red motor car that was lunging, puffing and trailing its odor past them, stood small Freddy, with his hand thrust confidently into his father's. The license number on the rear caught the little fellow's attention, and he said:

"Father, why do they always leave the price mark on automobiles?"—Lippincott's Magazine.

A Cold Storage Romance.

He—Had an odd experience the other day. One morning my breakfast boiled egg had an inscription on it. It said, "The finder may write to me," signed "Mary Smith."

She—What reply did you get?

He—The postmaster replied. He said that Miss Smith died of old age several years ago.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Necessarily a Failure.

"Well," asked the elated composer after the first act of his new opera had been given, "how do you like it?"

"Ah," replied the critic, "I'm very sorry for you. I can't discover that your music is reminiscent of anything."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Contemptible Prudence.

First Student—Didn't Longhead have any bets on the last football game?

Second Student—No. He thought our side would lose, and he wouldn't bet.

First Student—He wouldn't, eh? What sort of a college man is he, anyhow?—New York Press.

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