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## A REVIEW OF A RELIGIOUS CONVENTION.

BY HENRY HANSON.

A convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies has just closed its session in this city (Bristol) with great enthusiasm. The assembly represented an organization of 1,500,000 people, and their chief object seemed to be Disunion and Socialism. They opposed these principles without a moment's thought to their value in the development of the human race.

It is regretful to note that such a large body of supposed learned men have not advanced enough to consider human progress in the light of evolution and modern research. They still hug the old thread-bare tales and mysticisms of the orient, as well as ever, declaring that religion is a divine institution, and that God has joined together let no man put asunder. They do not stop to analyze that divorces are the result of the expansion of the human mind, and misused intellects. They are ignorant of the natural selection and would have living love upon the altar of matrimony, for the sake of promoting their selfish religion. They are in support of state legislation to enact laws for the perpetuity of the marriage tie, forgetting that they are trespassing upon civic affairs which recognize no religion. Church authority in marriage should be abandoned, such transactions should belong wholly to civic control. Then we might hope for at least a little betterment in the selection of life partners. If God is the promoter of marriages, then he is responsible for all the misery connected therewith, and it is high time that man and woman proclaim their liberty and right to adjust domestic matters according to sound reason. Socialism is the outcome of accumulated wealth by the few at the expense of the many, and the common people through education having awakened to the realization that the present system of governments is unsound and cannot long endure without disaster to social and domestic life. If God is the promoter of politics as these holy men would have us believe, then he is responsible for all the corruption connected therewith, and it is high time that men educate themselves by experience and observation to find new methods of government. If there were no divorces in the world, human ambition would be dead, and if there were no socialists in the world intellectual stagnation would be evident, and the grafter would never have been discovered.

The motto of this assembly is, "First, then home and country." A doctrine which has set father against son, husband against wife, community against community and nation against nation. It is the stone of ignorance and hypocrisy that prevents the view of progress from mounting the summit of reason. The educating process is slow, and so rapid is the growth of this shaking the foundation of all religion. Science in its ceaseless march of development wants no other creed nor dogma, and its wonderful achievements are poison to all religion.

Christianity, you have vigorously opposed all forms of new thought, scientifically, religiously, and politically. You condemned reason for tampering with the unknown; but in spite of your opposition an electricity has evolved to an extent that you without aid mean misery and ruin. Even your churches around hosannas under its full light, and utilize them in the name of saving grace. The knowledge will be seen coming in the clouds by remote posterity, when

churches and cathedrals will be known only by their ruins. You opposed Voltaire and made him flee for safety; but he dared to speak and today France stands among the most liberal nations of the world, stripped of the vestments of papal rule. You buried Bruno at the stake because of your prejudice; but fair minded men have erected a monument to his memory that defies all the saints of Rome. You condemned Thomas Paine and threw him into prison, but his individual efforts were greater than all the imaginary gods of Christendom. He escaped the guillotine and his works are now being searched for by advancing civilization in the ash heaps of decaying theology. That Paine is the author of the Declaration of Independence there is now but little doubt, and in the investigation of this truth, or any other, we say to the church "hands off!" Your finger of scorn has had its day, the arm of justice is rising from out the clouds of prejudice and ignorance, and superstition is fading away beneath the "Age of Reason," like the mist before the morning sun.

You tried your utmost to slander and defame the name of Ingersoll, but your mental swords have been too dull to pierce his intellectual shield. His character is untarnished, and his unswerving logic against your pagan festivities has taught men to understand that their soul's welfare does not depend upon your ceremonies. He labored to save men here, not in the hereafter, and he will live in the history when popes and priests have been forgotten.

You threatened Tolstoy with banishment from Russia for opposing the tyranny of their government, but his words were seed sown in fertile soil and the result will be the downfall of monarchy and the overthrow of church rule. Poets and thinkers are born, hence they live in history. Preachers are manufactured, consequently they die and what they have said bursts like a bubble of soap and is lost in space.

You have suppressed woman in all walks of life, you have fettered her hands in her struggle for education and protection. You have held the threatening sword of damnation against her soul, and when she has rebelled you have heaped curses upon her womanhood. Yet in the face of all this and with the awful horrors of the inquisition still blinding our sight, has risen such lofty minds as Harriet Beecher Stowe, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Josephine K. Henry, Anna Shaw, Harriet M. Cloz and others too numerous to mention. You crucified Joan D'Arc because you feared her genius, and in after years you canonized her a saint to try and atone for your barbaric deed.

Oh Christianity! your path is traceable by footprints of human blood! Every station at which you have stopped is a slaughter-house and every mile-stone is a corpse groaning for revenge. You have demanded money from poor-paid labor to purchase property and to support your institutions, and all you have given in return is faith. You have built magnificent cathedrals and temples in which to preach immortality and a future state. You have had millions under the sod with your ceremony, but you have not been able to produce evidence enough to soften the heart-strings of one mother grieving over her babe. You have preached endless misery for innocent childhood unless they subscribed to your gods, but the mind of progressive humanity have rebelled at the shot, and compelled you to modify your faith. You have given the world a philosophy of gloom and fear, with downcast countenance, but the modern day thinker demands a sane philosophy of cheer and beauty, to cause weak people to smile instead of making well people frown.

You may continue your teachings of total depravity, endless misery, purgatory, and all, covering the horizon of that with the clouds of delusion, but the very air we breathe is pregnant with life that retells the birth of a wonderful range. The bonds will burst and out from the travails of nature, reason will have its birth and hold it away over the minds of men. Gods come and go, but man remains. Yesterday it was Jupiter, today it is Jehovah. Deities and creeds sway the minds of millions, but gods and deities and cults will all be swept away by the beam of truth into the world's great heap to be hidden by the darkness of the centuries.

### HOW HE FINDS DEAD BODIES.

Here is my explanation of finding drowned bodies. There is but one explanation to make and that is, in many cases, my spirit guide directs me to the spot. If the drowned person was of unsound mind and traveled several miles, making several turns, I would be led over the same route, which is very tedious.

The controlling spirit walks along beside me, always on the right side and I hear his voice just as plain as the he was in the body, directing me where to go, and as I approach the spot there is a red glare of fire before me or sometimes a blue flame. In locating gold, silver or oil there is the same red fire or blue flame escaping from the earth.

When a small boy brought up on a farm in Maricopa Co., N. Y., near Little Falls, many times I would be entranced and go out in the forest and gather roots and herbs, and I have been told by the Indians that I was communicating with the spirits of the Mohawk Indians, and one called "Many Moons two feather March of the Mountain." He seems to be a powerful controller. I have been told by other survivors that when he was living he was noted for locating metals.

As to the spirit doctor he was an English doctor known in England as Dr. Shefflin and lived in Sheffield, England. He makes a correct diagnosis and there is no more successful physician to be found anywhere. I think I am known all over the state for my cures and as I was born with a "vail" over my face, the Markeys were or has killed people and so my mother was a medium. Spirit me I was born under the planet Mars, that I am ruled by the sun, with magnetic healing powers. I have explained to you just what spirit guides have explained to me.

DR. S. CLAY MARLEY.  
Auburn, N. Y.

### Psychic Forecasts.

The following are the most prominent influences to be observed by those who are sensitive:

Feeling an intuitive dread with no effects in sight denotes a calamity impending.

Feeling low spirited hint at pain or sickness as the cause.

But feeling unconcerned, calm or peaceful bespeaks of effects incompatible with these causes; and joyful foretells something pleasing to mind or heart.

AUTHUR F. MASON.

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O, striving soul strive quietly Whatever thou art or dost, Sweetest the strain when in the song The finger has been lost To find the work when 'tis no deed, Not does, counts for no Adelaide Procter.

## SPIRITUALISM AND THE LAW.

HON. CHARLES E. SCHIRM,  
President of the First Spiritual  
Church of Baltimore.

Practically no attempt at classification has been made in these papers. I have elsewhere estimated that this must be left for some one to do at a later date. The demands upon my time will not permit me to make a careful arrangement under various headings. It seems urgent that the substance be given as quickly as possible, leaving details to be attended to in the future, as I am convinced that we have reached a period of general interest in spirit phenomena and that every Spiritualist should be as thoroughly equipped as possible in a knowledge of his legal rights and the method of enforcing them, as well as phenomena and philosophy.

The first case I shall take up in this paper is interesting from the fact that the opinion of the Appellate Court lays down a broad rule for deciding cases wherein the opinions of the testator are made the ground of contest.

In the matter of W. F. Story, 20 Ill. App. 183, decided 1886.

Wilbur F. Story died October 27th, and on December 5th, 1884, his widow, the executrix, presented his will, dated February 1st, 1891, to the Probate court of Cook county for probate. Objection thereto having been made, a hearing was had. Testimony of witnesses to the will was taken and upon that testimony the court refused to admit the will to probate.

An appeal was taken to the Circuit Court which court reversed the decision of the Probate court and ordered the will to be probated. An appeal was then taken to the Appellate Court. The grounds of the appeal were want of testamentary capacity, undue influence and other grounds based on legal technicalities. The Appellate court affirmed the finding of the Circuit court. As we are interested in that phase of the case which bears on Spiritualism, I shall quote such portions of the Appellate Court pertaining to the subject.

"To support the contention that the testator was not of sound mind it was shown that in 1878 he suffered a paralytic stroke, which, it was claimed, affected his mind, and from the effects of which he never recovered; and an offer was made to show by the record of the probate court that on August 8th, 1884, testator was declared by said court, by an order based on the verdict of a jury, to be a distracted person, but this record was ruled out by the court as being too remote. It was shown that for several years prior to his death, testator held the belief that communications could be had with the spirits of another world, it is contended that advantage was taken of his credulity in the matter of such spiritual communications by Mrs. Story and her sister, one Mrs. Rose, to practice imposition upon him. Mrs. Rose pretended, it is said, to have received communications from the spirit of some Indian, who took great interest in the welfare of Mr. Story. It is shown by references made by said Story in some letters written by him, that he had himself in receipt of advice as to some of his matters, from a spirit or individual, to whom he alluded as the 'Little Squaw'; that he is receiving treatment for his bodily ailments from the same source, which is greatly benefiting him. His faith in these 'Little Squaw' manifestations and communications, which they regard as delusions, and the result of the imposition alleged, is one of the main facts stated in support of their contention by the witnesses who testify that the testator was of non-disposing mind."

"This witness (Alfred S. Trude, the attorney who drew the will and signed it as a witness) also mentions a belief of the testator's that he was a victim of sewer-gas, which belief was based on information obtained from the spirit of 'Little Squaw' thru Mrs. Rose; that testator was urged by 'Little Squaw' to hurry the completion, and at the same dictation, change, in many ways, the plans of the building known as the Story mansion, the expenditure for the erection of which was, it is argued, out of all proportion to testator's financial ability and not in accordance with prudent business management; that testator was led on to gratify the ambition of Mrs. Story in this course, by conspiracy of Mrs. Story and her sister and thru means of the pretended spiritual communications, and that the signing of the will in question was brought about by the same means."

Such are the salient facts as rehearsed by the court and now I quote its opinion as to the application of the law to such a state of facts.

"The fact that a man somewhat advanced in years, and suffering from disease, holds the opinion, whether founded on his own imagination or the suggestion of others, that his ailment is due to this or that cause, or that one who professes a belief in what is known as Spiritualism, may be influenced by and led to give credence to alleged communications from spirits which are, in fact, no communications, but impositions and delusions contrived by designing persons, is very far from sufficient to prove in such persons want of testamentary capacity. Such beliefs, even if whimsical or delusions, are compatible with disposing mind on the part of those holding them, but such facts are proper to be considered with reference to questions of mental weakness and the susceptibility of the testator to the arts of those who would mislead him for some purpose of their own."

The court in commenting upon the testimony of some of the witnesses, said:

"There is much in the testimony of these witnesses to lead to the belief that they confused the term sound memory with defective memory. Sound mind and memory is equivalent to the term sanity, and the mind and memory which is sufficiently sound to constitute testamentary capacity, has the capacity to transact ordinary business."

In the support of the doctrines contained in the foregoing paragraph, I refer to five Illinois cases.

"If the testator was of sound mind but of poor or impaired memory, he was of sound mind and memory, as the phrase is known in law. The failure of memory is not sufficient to create the incapacity, unless it be quite total or extend to his immediate family and property. As known in law, sound memory is something quite different from good or unimpaired memory, in which sense the subscribing witnesses understood it. Failure of memory does not constitute unsoundness of memory."

Yoe vs. McCord, 74 Ill. 33.

"A person who is capable of transacting ordinary business, is also capable of making a valid will. It is not required that he shall possess a higher capacity for that than for the transaction of the ordinary affairs of life. A man capable of buying and selling property, settling accounts, collecting and paying out money or borrowing or loaning money, must usually be regarded as capable of making a valid disposition of his property by will. The rule is the same in the case of a sale of a property and its disposition by will and the usual test is, that the party be capable of acting rationally in the ordinary affairs of life."

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## LILY DALE NEWS.

### Notice of Meeting of The City of Light Assembly.

A special meeting of the Stockholders of the City of Light Assembly will be held in Library Hall, on the Assembly Grounds, Lily Dale, N. Y., at 10 a. m., Friday, August 31, 1906, for the election of officers and consideration of the advisability of amending our certificate of incorporation and the transaction of any other business as may come before the meeting.

ARTHUR CASE, Secretary.  
Aug. 25—Sept. 1.

### NOTES.

The week's succeeding Woman's Day is usually a dropping off from former attendance, but this seemed to be an exception. Many went, new ones took places and the grounds presented their customary activity.

Friday was "Peace Day." An address by Mrs. Gougar opened the day at the Auditorium, while the afternoon was also a peace lecture. Miss M. J. Both of these undertook to show the demand for peace from the standpoint of the world, and succeeded admirably. In the eyes of all of us the nations of the world are warring peace, and to enforce peace, and prove they are in a position to spend more of their ships and guns than ever before in the history of the world. Who was the world's peace maker? is a question which was answered in many ways. But we would say "Krup," great German gunmaker. Why? because he made war possible. Only a few years ago, if you got close to each other, you would, with modern guns, smokeless powder, and shells that explode on striking, have been made far different than it was in the past, and the effective shot will outdo the peace of a 74-gun man-of-war. While the skill evolved makes it almost certain that a gun fired at target four to ten miles away will be hit nearly every time.

The Ladies Schubert Quartette gave another of their fine concerts Friday evening at the Auditorium. It was full of good things in music and recitations, and was fully appreciated by those who attended.

Monday was devoted to the business meeting of the Assembly in the morning. It held only a formal session and adjourned to meet at Library Hall, Friday, August 31, when the reports and formal business of the year will be transacted, including the election of officers.

In the afternoon a peoples' meeting was held in the Auditorium, at which an interchange of thought took place regarding Lily Dale and its future. Matters are slowly shaping themselves and it is hoped that in a very short time—probably a few days—the matter will be terminated.

Tuesday Hon. Noah Webster gave us "Back to Eden," and Wednesday introduced Oscar Edgerly to us for his first lecture. After that, occurred a reception to Mrs. Wm. Barnsdale in honor of her eightieth birthday which is reported in detail elsewhere and which was a most enjoyable occasion.

Thursday Mrs. Lillie, Friday Oscar Edgerly, Saturday Mrs. Lillie, Sunday Mrs. Edgerly with the class lectures each morning by Dr. Lockwood, and the meetings, seances and entertainments, made a week that exceeded any part of the season.

Dr. Knowles has given tests at the close of a number of the lectures during the week, and Sunday evening Oscar Edgerly gave a seance in the Auditorium. The German meetings have been quite successful this season, although there has not been so many Germans here this season as last.

An event of the week at the Forest Temple was the annual corn roast. It is a season of enjoyment to all who participate in it, and is a relaxation from the heavy mental food we are receiving during the entire season.

### City of Light Assembly Changes Hands.

Saturday afternoon the arrangements were completed whereby Lily Dale passes into the hands of the people. Mr. H. A. Clark, acting for the Pettengill interests, made an offer for which the indebtedness to Mrs. Pettengill in notes, aggregating about \$8300, and 947 shares of stock held by Mrs. Pettengill and members of her family, were transferred to the Association for \$10,000. Of this sum \$2500 was paid in cash and the balance must be paid half October 1 and half November 1. A goodly proportion of this money is already pledged and the balance must be provided for by the people who are interested in perpetuating Lily Dale as a Spiritualist meeting place. Fuller particulars next week.

The dances still continue in popularity, 123 tickets having been sold last Saturday evening and over 200 to the Woman's Day dance.

The coming week promises much. Dr. Lockwood, Mrs. Cora L. V. Johnson, New York State Day, with H. W. Richardson, Mrs. Twing, Mrs. Reynolds, and Lyman C. Howe, represent the platform talent during the week. Quite a Galaxy, Sunday evening September 2, will mark the closing exercises, and the season of 1906 will go down to posterity as a thing of the past and very successful.

Inadvertently the Woman's Day Policeman was left out of last week's report. Mrs. Wm. White, as usual, filled the position to the eminent satisfaction of all. Woe to the luckless man who happened to violate the written or unwritten law of the day, and if he did not violate one of them, a trumped up charge was more than likely to meet him. Of course, he had to plead guilty, and the incidents made many a laugh and turned many a joke during the day.

### A Birthday Reception.

Among the most pleasant events that have occurred at Lily Dale this season was the birthday reception tendered Mrs. Fidelity Barnsdale, widow of the late Hon. William Barnsdale of Titusville, Pa., at the Auditorium Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 22, 1906. At the close of Brother Edgerly's lecture several stands were brought in and placed on the rostrum on which were placed several beautiful floral tributes from loving hearts, among them one piece containing 80 purple and white asters—a gift from a daughter, I believe.

Mr. John T. Lillie, the genial chairman, called the audience to order in his usual urban manner and made a few appropriate remarks relative to the occasion, alluding to the fact that Mrs. Barnsdale was the oldest living member in the work of establishing Lily Dale, and this was her 80th anniversary, giving an eloquent eulogy of her life and character, after which he introduced Mrs. Barnsdale to the audience. She arose, and leaning on the arm of Mr. Lillie, in a clear voice but full of emotion, replied as follows: "Ladies and gentlemen, relatives and friends, I am very happy to see you all here on my 80th birthday. Many times my dear husband and I have met with the loved ones at old Lily Dale, and now he has been in spirit here over four years, and today I feel his spirit is here with us, and he will enjoy all as he used to in days gone by. Oh, may we all grow in knowledge, in sympathy and in love for poor suffering humanity, for such is the teachings of Christ, and he wished us to be good and kind to the poor and needy and thereby grow more divine as we become immortal."

Then Mrs. Lillie arose and gave a most beautiful improvised poem, weaving in the beautiful attributes of love and noble deeds, and the higher unfoldment of the spiritual nature. The lily of the valley, given by a son, symbolizing the purity and constancy of mother love. Turning to the water lily with its heart of gold, symbolizing the depth and richness of her love for all humanity. The purple and white asters in all their purity and richness, symbolizing each degree of development year by year in human progress, and other vases of flowers from loving hearts, kind and true, symbolizing the love and esteem by which the recipient was held by all. The rhythmic poetry as it flowed from the lips of Mrs. Lillie fell like a bene-

diction from the angel world on that great audience, and hearts were moved with love to overflowing. At the close of Mrs. Lillie's remarks, all were invited to shake the hand of this loving mother.

Mr. Barnsdale was one of the founders of this camp and was an indefatigable worker in the movement of Spiritualism. Mr. Barnsdale's life is crowned with seeds of love and charity and the upbuilding of humanity. Her progeny is known from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Columbia, and wherever walks of life they have identified themselves they have arrived at the highest pinnacle of success, the best known of them being T. N. Barnsdale, the Oil and Gas magnate, whose executive ability has given him a national reputation.

From five to six o'clock private reception was given at the beautiful Barnsdale cottage, fronting the lovely park just south of the Auditorium. Mrs. C. W. Snakard of Titusville, Pa., Mrs. Lucy Cleland of Providence, R. I., and Mrs. Withrop of Pittsburg, Pa., all daughters of Mrs. Barnsdale, assisted by Miss Ailene Barnsdale, Miss Olivia Withrop of Titusville, granddaughters, and Mrs. Edna Snakard niece of Mrs. C. W. Snakard of Marietta, Ohio, acting as hostesses.

The home was prettily decorated with seasonable flowers and ferns gathered from the groves and lowlands of this locality. Beautiful and fragrant were the water lilies freshly plucked from the placid waters of Cassadaga Lake. Rare roses and other flowers sent or brought from city conservatories.

The music of the Northwestern Orchestra added pleasure to the occasion.

At 6 o'clock an elaborate course dinner prepared under the direction of Caterer Mrs. Mecham of Warren, was served, covers were laid for twenty members of the family the menu was sumptuous. The tables were beautifully decorated with flowers resplendent with cut glass, silver and damask, an enormous birthday cake ornamented with 80 lighted candles a gift from her daughter Mrs. C. W. Snakard was a novel feature of the occasion. A beautiful birthday fruit cake brought from Hampton, R. I., by her daughter Mrs. Lucy Cleland bearing the dates 1826 and 1906, and also ornamented with a beautiful rose in remembrance of her sister Rose.

Seldom or never are gatherings of this kind attended by even a near relative but one, J. M. Withrop of Spokane, Washington, is unable to come but sent loving messages of congratulations and best wishes for the continuance and enjoyment of health and happiness, which her good deeds had earned.

Following were many of her messages and telegrams from friends far distant. Especially one from the far away country San Jose California from Mrs. Libbie Lowe Watson, expressing love and best wishes.

The guests from abroad were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. William Barnsdale, Mrs. Martha Barnsdale, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Barnsdale, H. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Snakard and son Barnsdale Snakard, Titusville, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Law, Jr., Denver, Col., Miss Edna Snakard, Marietta, O., and Miss Rhea Barnsdale, Bradford, Pa.

Thus we leave our friends quietly, patiently resting on the borderland for the parting of the veil where her companion and loved ones waiting with outstretched hands to greet and guide her to that home eternal not made with hands.

### TRUTH.

Truth as seen thru eyes of fear  
Is a cruel enemy, turn where we may,  
And no wild beast, far or near,  
So surely springs upon its prey.  
Relentless as the hand of death,  
Turning never, bleeding hearts,  
Thou plead with dying breath,  
From her course she never departs.  
Yet gently as thy mother's heart  
A steadfast friend to those of kind,  
Until from her we stray apart  
Truth's smiling face we'll often find.

JOHN D. CASE.

Who owns a gift of talent can bring it nearer to our understanding in three minutes, than a theorist can in that many hours.—ARTHUR F. MITTON.

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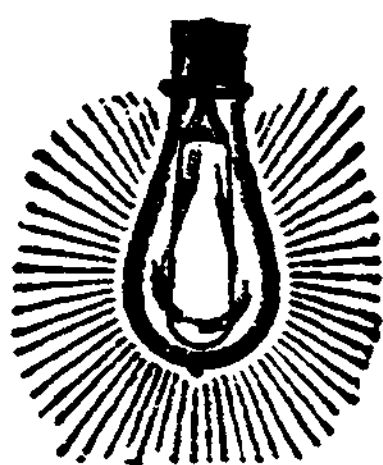






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Mrs. E. J. Demorest was called home from Lily Dale by the accidental drowning of her son, 28 years of age, at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Nicum, father of W. V. Nicum, Dayton O., passed to spirit land August 15th. Mr. Nicum belonged to the Dunkards and was very highly respected.

Miss Waisbrocker writes: As I am in need of funds to complete my work I will furnish my book, "Century Plant," for 60 cents in cloth and 30 cents in paper. Address me at Antioch, Calif.

The State Spiritualists Association of Oregon will hold their fourth annual convention, September 1 and 2. Everybody in Oregon is invited to correspond with the state president, Sophia B. Seip, and become connected with the state association and help to make future conventions and work a success.

Dr. J. M. White will spend the season at the Winfield, Kans., campmeeting. He has been working successfully in Kansas and Indian Territory and can be addressed for engagements at Winfield, Kans., and Park campground.

Augusta Metcalf writes: "In my far-off home on the western coast of these United States, the Sunflower is a very welcome guest every week, and especially welcome at the present time, bringing news from the Lily Dale camp and the friends gathered there for their yearly feast of soul. As a Spiritualist I send you all greetings, feeling assured and the unseen future we shall meet and know each other."

Mrs. Dr. Dobson-Barker writes: The First Spiritual Union, of San Jose, Calif., are reviving their meetings. The conference meetings at 11 a. m. are well attended. August 10th, Mrs. M. E. G. Howe of Los Angeles, secretary of the California State Spiritual Association, was with us. She is an able platform worker. In the evening she gave a short and pointed address on organization, after which she gave many good tests in her beautiful readings from flowers. Mrs. Nettie P. Fox will speak for the society August 26th.

## QUEEN CITY PARK.

This campmeeting is not dead by any means, altho it has not been in evidence among other camps reported in some of our papers; the reason was that our folks were too busy to send in reports, and the present correspondent was hampered by circumstances. Mrs. Abbie Crossett kindly furnished the items for this report.

Rev. B. F. Austin filled an engagement of a week or more, closing on Friday evening, August 17. His lectures were well attended by appreciative audiences. For a few days, Mrs. Marguerite Jacobs of Lawrence, Mass., gave platform tests after the lectures, but illness obliged her to leave for home.

Mrs. Carrie S. Thomas of Brooklyn, N. Y., gave her first lecture, following it with spirit communications, Sunday forenoon, August 19th. She was very satisfactory in all respects, and her seance to be

held Tuesday evening, will probably be well attended.

Mrs. Helen Ressegue delivered the first lecture of her engagement Sunday afternoon, August 19th, which was followed by spirit messages from Dr. W. B. Mills. Mrs. Ressegue will remain until the close of the campmeeting, September 2. Next Wednesday evening, she gives one of her interesting psychometric readings.

Rev. J. J. Lewis recently gave a very interesting lecture on the "Canadian Rockies," with stereopticon and moving pictures, and will give the third in his course Friday evening, subject: "That Reminds Me."

Mrs. Effie I. Chapman went recently to fill an engagement at another camp and is expected to return on the 25th inst., which is the date of the annual fair held by the Ladies Aid Society.

A. J. Maxham and John Withall sang solos at the Sunday afternoon meeting.

Word has been received from Chittenden of the death of L. C. Atwood, one of the oldest stockholders of Queen City Park.

Among the missing faces this year is that of Newman Weeks, for so many years a faithful worker in this camp, who now resides with his daughter near Philadelphia.

Frequent excursions from various points pour in crowds which fill the grounds to overflowing, as was the case Sunday—a day of tropical heat; but the people took the discomfort cheerfully and apparently enjoyed themselves in spite of it. The grounds are in very good shape, with swings and tables in the grove, while at convenient points fountains and pump supply good water from the springs. Hotel and cottages are well filled, many guests from distant points, and some campers are of the orthodox stamp. Let us hope that they may become enlightened.

## PROPHECY.

Prophecy is the science of being able to sense the causal influences or vibrations governing the person or subject on which the consciousness is centred, and knowing the purport or meaning of these influences. To the non-sensitive this has no existence, and he must judge the future by surface effects entirely—his knowledge of human character or of the subject to which he is devoted. A feeling of peace or quietude; that which disturbs or irritates; animates or enervates; engenders joy or gloom; that which attracts or repels without visible effect, are some of the sensations experienced, and have their specific meanings, which must be grouped, their counter-effects considered, and conclusion drawn from this to make the forecast or outline of the subject's future. To avert mistakes, however, the reader of destiny must have sufficient self-knowledge to distinguish his own influences or vibrations from those sensed in others and not combine them as coming from one source. Every individual is governed by this "cause upon him," and if he studies himself he can become his own prophet.—A. F. M.

## Self-Love

Who loves himself cannot love humanity. Egotism like mental disturbance diverts the soul's vibration. As we cannot focus the mind on but one subject at a time, we cannot centralize our love or sympathy on but one object. If it be on self it cannot be on others; and many devote seven-eighths of their time to loving self. To be in co-partnership with nature, we should have at least a little over fifty-percent in her favor—that is, love for others—or we might when placed in the balance, be found wanting, as a past revelator says.—A. F. M.

## OLD GOSSIP.

Talk, talk, oh yes, I like to talk. Whether on a trot or on a walk. It is my life, it is my love; I'll talk until I waft above. So, let me talk while I am here. Listen or not, I do not care. 'Twould kill me, yes, if I were dumb. My tongue's my brain's own prodigium.

—Nurse.

An ad in the Sunflower brings good returns.

## The Lyceum at Lily Dale.

One of the most beautiful and interesting entertainments at Lily Dale was given by the children and teachers of the Lyceum Friday Eve Aug 10th. The Rostrum of the large Auditorium was beautifully decorated with ferns and flowers. The seats for the children so arranged as to form a circle; elevated at the rear which contained the larger pupils which gradually descended to the footlights where the smallest children sat, and in the center of this beautiful representation of the Sunflower sat one of the sons of man who directed the execution of the program.

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The Grand March through the Red by the Lyceum children in this morning and the exercises in the Auditorium show the interesting efforts of the teachers to bring out the best in the children to a higher unfoldment. Miss Marie C. Beebe of Chicago addressed the children for a few moments. She told them she would tell them a story, and asked them what they would like to hear about, and once in a chorus of voices they exclaimed "about the little Swiss Noddy," which in itself denoted the initiative and progressive trend of the young friends.

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