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REV. DOCTOR FUNK WRITES ON SPIRITISM.

Eminent Author, Noted Divine and Head
of Great Publishing House Presents
What he Regards as Messages
From the Dead.

It is delightful to die.
At that's the word that has
come from the other world, says the
Evening Mail, according
to an announcement made by Rev.
Isaac K. Funk. This reassuring
news is contained in a spirit com-
munication from the recently de-
ceased secretary of the society for
Psychical Research, Dr. Richard
Hodgson, sent by means of Mrs.
Piper, the famous Boston medium,
to Prof. James H. Hyslop, formerly
of Columbia, now living at 519
West 149th street.

Dr. Funk gives the details in a
book, "The Psychic Riddle." He
tells many startling stories of mes-
sages from the dead, which he al-
leges that he and Professor Hyslop
have received, but the most inter-
esting one is that which purports to
be from the how it feels to die.

Here is how the alleged Hodgson
spirit describes the death process:
It is delightful to go thru the
process (I do not read at first) ethereal
and pure, cool—cool, COOL—
into the life and shake (read as
shake)—Shake of the Shake
—Shake of mortal body. Hyslop,
said.

Dr. Funk explains that the spirits
often appeal to hearers to reply.
It seems to help the communicating
process.

For those who are not familiar
with the history of Mrs. Piper's
mediumship it should be stated that
the spirit is supposed to enter her
body and use her hand to write out
what it has to say. The mortal in
replying addresses himself to the
medium's hand. The parenthetical
remarks on the communication
printed above are by Professor
Hyslop. It will be noticed that
when the word "cool" was not un-
derstood, perhaps because of the
odd handwriting in practice in the
spirit world it was repeated several
times that there might be no mis-
take. The same thing happened
when Professor Hyslop read as
"shake" what the spirit meant for
"shake."

Concerning the Hodgson spirit,
according to Dr. Funk, said:

"In leaving the body the shock to
the spirit knocks everything out of
one's thoughts for awhile, but if he has
any desire at all to prove his identity
he can in time collect enough to
—collect—enough evidence to prove
convincingly his identity—convinc-
ingly—convincingly—"

"It is so suffocating to enter here.
I can appreciate their difficulties
better than ever before."

THE SPIRITS HAVE BODIES.

Commenting on this last clause,
Dr. Funk says "the testimony from
many seance rooms is that spirits
have bodies of which their physi-
cal, earthly forms were the outer,
coarser forms and that in this new
life they do need something akin to
breathing, and that when they en-
ter earthly conditions they ex-
perience a difficulty of breath like
that we experience in going into a
place of foul smells."

But Dr. Funk has also had some
communications from Dr. Hodgson
on his own account. His message
came thru Mrs. Mary S. Pepper, of
Brooklyn, not to be confounded
with Mrs. Piper, of Boston. Dr.
Hodgson had great faith in Mrs.
Piper, he was inclined to doubt Mrs.
Pepper. In April, 1905, he wrote
Dr. Funk warning him against Mrs.
Pepper and closing:

I believe you have done an
enormous amount of valuable work,
especially in the open stand you
have taken for investigation and
for arousing the interest of a wider
public, and it would be disastrous if
you should commit yourself to the

acceptance as supernatural, of man-
ifestations which eventually prove
to be due to fraud."

INDICATION FOR MRS. PEPPER.

The sequel, however, Dr. Funk
thinks interesting. Some time
after the death of Dr. Hodgson,
Judge Abraham H. Dailey and Dr.
Funk had a seance at the home of
Mrs. Pepper. The medium went
into a trance and it was announced
by her "familiar" that there was a
group of spirits present who were
strangers to her.

The "control" said: "One gives
the name 'Imperator' and another
is a little fellow they call 'French
Doctor,' and another gives the
name of 'Oxion,' and this last one
says he will take my place—I think
he means to talk thru the medium.
They are bringing with them a fine
looking man who seems not to have
been long on this side, as he ap-
pears very weak."

"Oxion" was the pseudonym of
Stanton Moses, a well-known me-
dium, 'Imperator' and the little
'French Doctor' are among the
spirit 'controls' of Mrs. Piper, the
Boston medium, with whom Dr.
Hodgson experimented many years,
not to be confounded with Mrs.
Pepper. What followed Dr. Funk
described as follows:

"Then Mrs. Pepper seemed to
enter into a complete trance state,
much more complete than her usual
sittings with me. The appearances
indicated a 'control' unused to the
methods. It was fully eight
minutes before there was any speak-
ing thru the medium. Just prior
to the speaking the right hand of
the medium indicated a desire to
write. I put in the hand a pen,
and then it wrote on a page of my
memorandum book 'Stanton' in
large letters, and then again 'Stanton
Moses.' Finally, very slowly at
first, and then more rapidly, the
medium spoke in a strange voice as
follows:

"I come not to speak for myself
this evening thru this medium who
is strange to me, and it is a strange
thing for me to attempt to speak
thru a medium. Imperator who is
here helps me. We have come to
bring one who has given a long time
to psychic matters, and he desires
to let it be known that he is present
and that spirit communication is a
fact."

"This spirit is Dr. Hodgson. He
is not strong enough to use the me-
dium himself. He wishes me to say
that he conducted experiments al-
together too much on the physical
plane, and have developed insuffi-
ciently the higher spiritual powers,
which enable one to control forces
in the spiritual world, and to under-
stand quickly the forces that gov-
ern here. When the doctor came
over to our side many of us gath-
ered together to help him, but we
found that he was attuned to earth
vibrations, and it was difficult to
awaken him."

The medium expanded on this
point at length and continued:

SAYS FUNK'S WAY IS ALL RIGHT.

"He says that I shall convey to
you this message, as a test of his
identity: In a letter he wrote to you
he intimated that you were going
too fast in your investigations thru
this medium, and that he wrote to
you to go slow. He thought your way
of investigation was not scientific
because you took too much the
spiritual view of things. Now he
says that this attitude is the nearer
right."

(After a little while of silence.)
"You have a letter here addressed
to him."

I handed the medium a sealed
letter, in which there was a letter
addressed on the inside to Richard
Hodgson, on the envelope the letter
was addressed to "R." in the letter
I wrote: "Whom would you desire
for your successor?"

"In this letter you ask who Dr.
Hodgson would have for his suc-
cessor. He says in should be a man
who puts no less stress on the sci-
entific side of investigation, but

much more stress on the spiri-
tual side than he did."

Dr. Funk insists he is not a spiri-
tualist. He pleads, however, for the
fullest investigation of such phe-
nomena as he describes in his book.

NATURE AIDED BY DRUGS

Faith in their Action Comes as the
Result of Experience.

One of the most interesting and
at the same time most intricate
departments of medical science is
that pertaining to the action of
the drugs used for the cure of
disease. In certain cases the nature
in which a drug may combat an
ailment and route it is clearly es-
tablished. Quinine may be sup-
ported, for example, to play its im-
portant part in the cure of malarial
troubles because it acts as an ef-
ficient germ killer and effectively
disposes of the microbes whose per-
nicious developments in the blood coin-
cide with the phases of such ailments.

With respect to other medi-
cinal substances which equally ac-
specific in certain troubles our
knowledge of their action is more
limited, and our faith in their
founded more on the results of ex-
perience than on an intimate
acquaintance with the exact fash-
ion in which they operate to pro-
duce beneficial effects. One might
argue that the further the science
of treating disease departs from
empiricism the better understood
and the more exact action of drugs
which have become the part and
parcel of the system of our good
medicine. But the fact is that the
science of medicine is far from
being a simple matter. The living
body is a far more complex piece of
organization than most people
suppose, and how precisely a dose
of this drug or a medicum of that
produces certain effects in health
and analogous results in disease
is a matter that involves for its ex-
planation more intricate and a
knowledge than is often found
at the disposal of our physician.

WITCHCRAFT SPELL OF OLD.
Science, however, of late years
has greatly enlarged its bound-
aries in respect of such information,
and the contrast between the practice
of the past in prescribing drugs
and that of the present is of very
marked character. Of old there was
much mystery attached to the admin-
istration of medicines. It was a
which involved in mediaeval times
very large amount of "occult"
considerations. The spells of witch-
craft were not more elaborate and
certainly not more heterogeneous
than the selection of materials
were the formulae which the
medicine men employed for the
relief of human ills.

A collection of choice prescrip-
tions published in the seventeenth
century lies before me. One con-
sideration which weighed with the
doctors of those days was, "whether
the disease was the bewitcher or
not," a fact which amply explains
and why ancient dames suspected
of unholiness were promptly
sentenced to a fiery end. Our
seventeenth century doctor was also
a bit of a conjurer, for I find he was
advised to "purge the lungs when
piper is weak," and to effect a
lar operation on the brain when
the moon is weak. The touch of a
man's hand was regarded as a
cure for warts, and for hydrophobia
the patient lived of a mad dog
strongly recommended, possibly
on the basis of the similitude principle.

ANCIENT REMEDY FOR BALD HEAD.
Conjurers, were bidden to
milk a cow or as an aid to
and that of the ass was regard-
ed as a preferable—what a piece of
vice consonant with modern
views. But to the touch of snails, to
sugar of roses was added, the
patient might reasonably entertain
objections in view of the
fact that snails are regarded as ar-
dient and the prominence in mod-

ern foreign menus.

Epilepsy was treated by the aid
of preparations made from the cal-
mistletoe and tobacco smoke was
also vaunted as a cure for this ail-
ment. The bald-headed man was
recommended to use the fat of the
viper presumably as a pomade, or
as alternative remedies the "ashes"
of bees and wasps. If the latter
contained the poison bags of the in-
sects one might see in this presump-
tion a form of counter irritation,
which is a sensible enough form of
medication in certain cases of loss
of hair.

For eye troubles turnips are
named because they are tending to
strengthen the organs and powers
of sight. There are many other
prescriptions given, some of which
far outrival in respect of their in-
gredient the "eye of newt and toe of
frog" and other delectable items
enumerated in the witches brew in
"Macbeth." The more mystical
and uncanny the things which the
old doctors derived from the three
kingdoms of nature the better
chance apparently had the remedy
of effecting the result for which it
was prescribed.

IMPORTANCE OF PROPER FOOD.

While the employment of drugs
in careful and scientific fashion,
founded on as full a knowledge as
the age affords of their action on
the body, must always form an im-
portant feature of our doctors' pre-
cedure, it is to be remarked that
two ideas have to be reckoned with
in modern medical practice, such as
tend to a considerable modification
in the art of prescribing. One of
these ideas is represented by the
opinion that the wise regulation of
the diet is one of the most impor-
tant factors in the treatment of
disease.

Day by day the importance of
diet as an aid or cure, or it may be
as the chief item in the doctor's
scheme, grows apace. In many
diseases his procedure is that of the
diet supervisor, giving his patient
this food and forbidding that. Sen-
sibly enough, the wants of the body
in the way of food and the supervi-
sion of its nutrition—a function lying
at the root of all health—are recog-
nized as paramount.

The second idea is that which
takes into account the vis medica-
trix naturae. If Dame Nature were
not willing and happily often able to
reassert her determination to restore
the body to its normal state all the
efforts of the doctor would be exert-
ed in vain. It is a wonderful power,
this self-repairing ordinance of living
beings. I believe we inherit from lower
life, wherein we find many conspic-
uous illustrations of the making good
of injuries, often of a serious kind.
Repair in lower existence is readily
effected, probably because the nerv-
ous system is so faintly developed.

After all drugs are given largely
with the view of assisting the living
cells of our frames to recover their
tone, and it is not the least remark-
able fact that recent discoveries
show us in an increased degree how
our constitution is naturally armed
by many strange devices to attain
this end.—Andrew Wilson in ill-
ustrated London News.

A DREAM.

One Monday night, some weeks
ago, I dreamed I was walking along
West Perry Street and stopped to
look over at Wallworth's store, ex-
pecting to see a crape on the side
door. I awoke saying, "How silly
of me when Willie is younger than
I am." Nevertheless the dream
made such an impression on me
that I looked that night at the
death notices, but as the name did
not appear I concluded it was only
a dream yet the family were in my
thoughts repeatedly until Wednesday
night when I read in the papers
that Mr. Wallworth had died Mon-
day night, the night I dreamed
about the crape and felt it referred
to him.

I had not visited the family re-
cently or even thought about them un-
til I dreamed. Why was it?

P. A. N.

AN EXPERIENCE IN SPIRIT WRITING.

IF IT WAS NOT THAT, WHAT WAS IT?

I am now past the sixty-fourth
milestone. I never accepted the
spiritual philosophy till a few
weeks ago. Not being a man of
easy credulity, I should not have
accepted it then had it been pos-
sible to doubt any longer. My
experience has closed the case for
me and the verdict is in. My nar-
rative may be of interest to others;
and I wish to make public acknowl-
edgment to the two gifted mediums
who have assisted me.

About the first of February I
sent a sealed letter to Mr. and Mrs.
A. Normann, mediums of Lake
Helen, Fla. I have never seen
them, nor have I ever had any
communication with them except
about this business. I asked them
to try for a reply by independent
spirit writing.

The letter contained my own
name on the outside but nothing
else. Within it was addressed to
Mary an intimate friend of mine in
our college days, over forty years
ago. I have neither seen her nor
had any communication whatever
from her since 1872. She left this
life thirty years later, in 1902. The
letter was placed in test conditions
by being sealed within a strong
envelope. This was further sealed
with wax and deeply stamped
when soft. It was then so wrap-
ped in ribbon, secured by wax, as
to make opening impossible without
cutting. The message consisted of
three little sheets not folded, each
containing a question with other
shots. Following each of my sheets
was a blank one. I did not give
the mediums the name of the per-
son addressed or any information
whatever, I simply asked for a
written reply.

In ten days the package was re-
turned to me. I subjected it to the
closest examination, using the read-
ing lens and linen-tester. It was
exactly like it was when I sent it.
I was certain no one had tampered
with it. I said to myself, there is
no writing within except my own.
On cutting open the envelope at
one end I found the three blank
sheets covered with writing in soft
crayon, one in red, one in black,
one in blue. It was the greatest
surprise of my life. On one sheet
was a direct and unmistakable ref-
erence to an event in our lives in
1865 which no one living or dead
knows about except Mary and I. I
have a letter written by her to me
in 1868, the last communication
between us. I compared this with
the message, separated by an in-
terval of thirty-nine years. Several
of the letters were identical in
shape, others bore a strong likeness,
and others were quite unlike.

On March 5, I sent another
package arranging the sheets as be-
fore. The heavy envelope was se-
curely sealed with wax at five
points on the back. With a pecu-
liar thread I stitched the en-
velope one-fourth an inch deep and
one-fourth apart entirely around.
Over this I fastened with glue a
ribbon one inch wide, lapping half
inch quite around. As a final pre-
caution I drew heavy lines in ink
from the ribbon onto the paper.

On the return of this package I
examined it under strong lenses as
before. It was exactly as when I
sent it. Nothing more material
than air, light and heat could have
entered or left it. First I cut the
ribbon very slowly, then the thread,
stitch by stitch, not the identity
of the thread, and then the paper.
On slipping out the six sheets, the
blanks were no longer blanks but
were covered with crayon writing in
the same hand as before. There
was a plain reference to a pleasing
little episode in our friendship in the
early sixties.

How was all this done? How

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DR. FOWLER'S NEW YORK LETTER.

The First Association of Spiritualists of New York City and their auxiliary the Ladies' Aid society, celebrated the 59th Anniversary on Sunday, April 7, in Elk's hall, Columbus Circle, as they were unable to procure the hall for the 31st, and then only for an afternoon session, which was replete with good things. The following program was presented, with Mrs. M. A. Newton presiding in the chair. The program opened with the hymn, "I am and I am glad," rendered by the ladies' choir, which required the ladies to seat them all and were obliged to stand. Mrs. T. Brigham, who serves regularly in the pulpit of the First Spiritual and Ethical Society, at 11th street, delivered an address, followed by a vocal solo by Miss W. Press. Mrs. M. A. Newton then extended remarks appropriate to the occasion. Mrs. George, who was detained at home by illness, her place was filled by Mrs. H. Cooke, who recited an original poem, "Miss Ada Austin, Hartford, Conn.," rendered very appropriately a soprano solo, and was followed by Mr. Jon Templeton, editor of the "Tammany Times" of New York city, in a very able and appropriate address.

Mr. Robert McIntyre contributed a violin solo, when Mrs. Helen P. Rassegna, who, with her genial husband had come from Hartford, Conn. to give their friends a surprise, and assist in the celebration, was introduced amidst a storm of applause. She held the vast audience spellbound for half an hour by her inspired eloquence, in a masterly effort upon the topic, "What has Spiritualism accomplished?" I wish our space would permit of a verbatim report, but you many readers, who have been privileged to listen to her wise, noble and inspired words, will tell me. Mrs. V. Wright was upon the program, but being unable to respond on account of a severe cold, Mr. Robert Rassegna kindly rendered a vocal selection. Mrs. Brigham, under inspiration, rendered very finely several poems and subjects given by the audience. The rest of the conditions made it possible for Miss Gaule to do some very fine and creditable work in giving names, descriptions and messages, all of which were promptly acknowledged as correct. We are pleased to note in this connection that Miss Gaule is engaged to give messages from the unseen to Lily Dale commencing during the season of 1907 and will be a valuable addition to the regular list of talent announced to attend to the hungry and thirsty spiritual food who expect such every season.

After another song by Miss Austin, the ladies joined in singing the hymn, "I am and I am glad," which was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Rassegna, pianist and organist for the society, and were blessed with a benediction pronounced by Mrs. Brigham.

A large number of copies of our spiritual papers were sold and many subscriptions taken by the writer, who conducts a news stand and information bureau every Sunday.

The Spiritual and Ethical society of New York city celebrated the Anniversary April 14th with a lengthy program at Builders' hall. Regattas, vocal and instrumental selections, speeches and remarks appropriate to the occasion as follows:

Remarks by Miss Belle Cushman, the efficient chairman of the society, Mr. Chas. A. Rose, Mrs. M. A. Newton, president of the First Association of Spiritualists, Mr. Floyd B. Wesson, writer, lecturer, and member of the Psychological Research society, who unqualifiedly endorsed spiritualism and philosophy, and many other good things. Spiritualism has brought to the world a new God, a new religion, and proved life is continuous. Mr. Jon Templeton, at the close of the evening, was quite facetious and felicitous in his remarks, but wound up seriously by asserting some facts regarding life's problems, and many things concerning our philosophy and phenomena, predicting the time when the whole world shall have the knowledge that Spiritualists now have. Many vocal and instrumental selections interspersed the exercises rendered by Mr. Robert

McIntyre, violin solos, Miss M. Jennings and Mrs. J. H. Tuttle, soprano solos, Mr. Elmer E. Roy and Mr. Damon Lyon, baritone solos, recitations by Mr. Lyon and Mr. Neil Burgess, Jr., piano solos by Mrs. Charlotte Kidder, concluding by poetic improvisations by Mrs. H. T. Brigham, all of which were enjoyed by the large and enthusiastic audience present at both the afternoon and evening sessions.

WHAT SPIRIT MEDIUMSHIP PROVES.

Spirit mediums have a good chance to find out what people want most, and it is how to gain something strictly earth earthy.

They must be told what to do, and how; proving they have no mind of their own. As mind is made up of knowledge they lack it and after they get away from the preacher, who told them, they become medium chasers, instead of developing a mind of their own and making their life as they wish it to be.

Spirit control proves how people are controlled when the mind of an intelligent being, dead or alive, controls a body it expresses only what knowledge it has gained, knowing nothing or little of spirit life how can it tell the truth and tell of things and conditions it knows little about?

Surely the very ignorant mind is not fit to control anybody, and yet Spiritualists will cater to such mediums and think so little is told them because there is no more to learn.

For years the same old lingo as a message from our friends passed on, has been going the rounds until a thinking person wonders why people do not catch on to the truth, and drop such doings in disgust.

I discovered more in two years of research, determined to know the truth, instead of taking everything for granted as most people do, than those that had been Spiritualists for forty years. Just because they absorbed (as they had while church members) everything, if supposed of the spirit or the spirit world went, just as if deceiving people and liars changed at once, if at all by passing out of the physical body. Their mind, if they had any of their own, or the one controlling them in life, goes on in the same way for a time at least.

As a rule evil or trashy in life are more apt to manifest in spirit than the higher type. Why? Because the lower are of earth which they must overcome to be able to go higher, while the more developed ones are glad to be free to go quite away and only send us shots to help and guide us. Knowing little of this life after they passed out, such do not speak around playing servant for mediums as a money-making scheme.

Spirit control and spirit bands only prove what we expect of God, the Supreme being, when we pray like beggars and shiftless beings to God for help and God do thus and so, instead of asking to be shown how to help ourselves, which is the only right way. Then we attract teachers, not controls, and have helpful lessons—for life is but a school where all must learn or stay at the foot of the class.

With the foolishness of the people the mediums soon are made aware—then when not strictly honest they keep the paying phase going in the name of spirit, just as the humbug in religion is kept up in the name of God. All is in a name with thoughtless people. Spiritualists as a rule are test hunters, and still they do not see the truth. Silly advice from one that lacked judgment in life is followed by people who ought to know better.

Exposure of fraud does not seem to do them much, if any, good. A belief or religion that does not make us better and more wise beings is no good and best let alone.

I have been in spiritual work for years seeking truth for the good of humanity, and find that is the way to get it. Everything speaks for itself. If we seek in a foolish way we get foolishness. We attract what we want that is good for humanity. Knowing and attending to their affairs is not good but it is good to be able to show them how to attend their own affairs and develop their own powers to be able to get all truth for themselves, then we will be developed souls and intelligent spirits, instead of machines or instruments to be used by others. God is wisdom, and that is knowl-

edge rightly used. Most spiritual mediums are but instruments used by shots of the living—that they think of the dead and spirit life—and the shots from the liberated souls, which accounts for the mixed up conditions. What we know in this life helps us in the next; but what we think may hinder us learning more—for if we think we stay here near our friends after death then we are apt to do so until we desire something else.

If we allow control here we will be controlled in the next life and do as the controlling spirit desires, whether right or wrong. They are the weak minds that play servant to mediums until they learn to aim higher. It surely is not a high aim in life to do the bidding of another meddling with the affairs of others, seeing what is foretold comes to pass, when some foolish mediums will foretell almost anything. When we warn and only foretell good, then we can do much good. We need teachers, not go-betweens.

The true life is quite simple. What man has that it is a badly mixed up mess, binding us to earth with the chains we have made. How can we be free when we do not create conditions to make us free. Earth was first a spirit world then spirits learned how to materialize and thus made conditions to hold them in bondage here. So first and last it is spirit. L. ELLS.

Spiritual Lyrics

True love is that which rises above sense and self.

The only recommendation of pride is nobility of action.

While love buries pride, selfishness only hides it to gain its point. Where there is prejudice there is selfishness for the one is the child of the other.

One's true self may be recognized by the motive-power which gives birth to thought or action.

Much cause for regret has been occasioned by allowing good inclination to cool down by postponement.

The sixth sense is that which knows more than we do; and if that be instinct it is often a better guide than knowledge.

Gain of wealth is of an accompaniment by loss of power, unless there has been true power evolved thru personal effort and not by proxy.

If the human brain in general had a proportionate acute taste or desire for the useful in life as it has for the useless, many reforms would obtain.

Anger is a discordant note in the spiritual lyre, vibrating independently. Shame is a false note touched in connection with another—a feeling of being in a manifest wrong.

All forms of intemperance lower the energy of the mental forces comparative to increase of the physical, forms of selfishness lower the energy of the will. He who destroys his mind, therefore, by bad habits, loses his best friend; as he who dwarfs his soul by unkindly feelings loses his individuality; i. e., being more under the control of others than self—a mental slave.

Feelings of resentment implies weakness; for as the body is enabled to endure pain according to its power of resistance or strength, so the soul is enabled to endure or resist vexations according to its self-control.

ARTHUR F. MILTON.

The anniversary of the disastrous eruption of Mount Vesuvius last year was marked on April 8 by monster religious processions in the towns around the volcano. The celebrated statue of the Madonna, which the people believed sweated during the catastrophe, was carried in triumph by the clergy and local authorities and was followed by thousands of the faithful. The processional feast at Nocera Inferiore ended in a riot, rising, it is reported, from excitement caused by the belief that another statue of the Madonna was opening and shutting its eyes. The devotees had their knives out within the church, and cutting was in progress when the police came and quelled the disturbance.—Truthseeker

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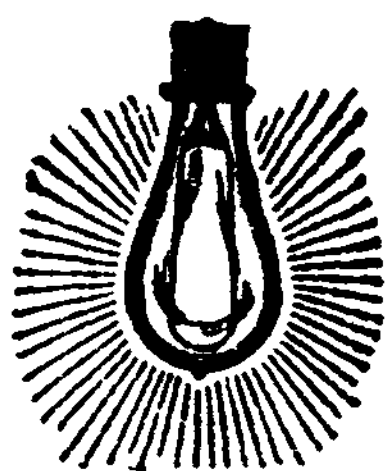
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ington, D. C.: The month of April closes the season for the First Association of Spiritualists. Mrs. M. T. Longley, secretary of the N. S. A., is speaker for the month. April 14, the morning service was given to the eulogy of the seven prominent Spiritualists who have passed on in the last nine months. Mrs. Longley's addresses over the departed are profound and deeply interesting to a non-Spiritualist and there are many requests for a copy of the addresses. The evening services were devoted to a memorial in honor of the late Theodore J. Mayer. Many visitors are in our midst, H. D. Barrett, president N. S. A., and Mr. C. L. Stevens, T. Grimshaw, Dr. Warne, Mrs. Twing, Mr. Richardson, and others. Henry C. Brunhaus of Wheeling, W. Va., was a caller at N. S. A., headquarters. The Ladies' Auxiliary, presided over by Mrs. Longley, will give a euchre party next Thursday evening, and Mrs. M. J. Stevens and Mrs. C. Willis will give the Lyceum children a picnic some time in May. The place is not yet decided. The Educational society and the Temple League will continue their meetings during May.

CALIFORNIA STATE WORK.

The California State Association have found that mass meetings held under the auspices of local societies with two or more members of the State board to assist have awakened much interest in Spiritualism, as well as strengthening the local societies, wherever held. The work done by the officers is of no expense to the association as they have given their time and work freely, the expense of traveling is taken from the income received; and entertaining is furnished by the local societies.

Since my last report the San Bernardino Spiritualists have held a two days meeting March 30 and 31, with President A. S. Howe, and director Dr. Ada Patterson assisting, both of Los Angeles.

On March 31, State secretary, J. L. Dryden represented the board at Santa Barbara and Summerland, assisting Mrs. R. S. Lillie, the local speaker. State organizer, Mrs. M. E. G. Howe, was present at San Francisco, and assisted in a grand union meeting of local societies of that city, for the benefit of the State Fund. This was the first public Sunday meeting since the great disaster. A large attendance and renewed interest was awakened and thru this meeting, the Lyceum was encouraged to start again, and also a Sunday meeting, under the auspices of the First Spiritual Ladies' Aid.

On the same Sunday Mrs. S. Cowell of Oakland, vice president of the State association, represented the State board at San Jose, while director C. A. Buss, of the First Society had for his speaker, Rev. J. W. Ring, and director, Mrs. Vasek. Pastor of the First Society Spiritual Progression of Los Angeles had special services, as well as the Union Lyceum of which she is the leader. Other societies are planning mass meetings, the interest awakened has lasting effect.

John W. Ring and Mrs. Mattie Hull are both at work in California, and are heartily endorsed by the State board. All workers who come to California and hold papers of endorsement under State or National bodies, should notify the State secretary, J. L. Dryden, 323 Temple St. Los Angeles, Calif., that their papers can be endorsed and societies wishing speakers or mediums can be supplied and visitors given proper introduction.

Mrs. M. E. G. Howe, State Missionary and Organizer.

New York State Association of Spiritualists 11th Annual Convention.

The Annual Convention of the New York State Association of Spiritualists will be held at Plymouth Spiritualist Church, in the city of Rochester, June 7, 8, 9. There will be three meetings daily. The day sessions for the two first days, are to be business sessions, and the election of officers will occur Saturday afternoon, June 8th. All evening meetings and the day sessions of Sunday will be devoted to lectures, music, spirit messages and other phases of mediumship. A large number of eminent speakers and mediums will participate in the exercises. All auxiliary societies are expected to send delegates, and all individual members are invited to come and take part.

SARAH A. WOODRUFF, Sec.

ASHTABULA, OHIO.

This beautiful morning I feel the inspiration comes to me to write a short notice of the Anniversary services which were held by the Harmonious and Earnest band of workers in this City.

Mr. D. A. Herrick of Akron, O. was engaged during the month of March, and a great good has come of his efforts, both lectures and seances attracting the attention of many who had never given much thought to Spiritualism.

Sunday, March 31, they held three sessions 10 a. m. 2 and 7 p. m. in G. A. R. hall and the influence of the spirit was manifest in the exercises from morning until the last word was uttered at the closing. Mr. John Wallace, president of the society, an efficient chairman, opened the meeting. Mr. Herrick giving the address, which held the audience in rapt attention until the closing anniversary address in the evening, which was a masterpiece. He was followed by Mrs. J. Wallace with inspirational poems—"Flowers" and in the evening "Morning, Noon and Night," poems that equal the inspiration of a Mrs. Richmond Lillie. There were solos, trios and congregational singing, led by choir, which seemingly drew the angelic hosts so near that all were touched by the beautiful influence of the spirit world.

A great surprise and pleasure was to greet Mrs. Lyman Ward, the veteran worker and medium at Lily Dale, who gave a short talk in the morning which was greatly enjoyed. Our program would not have been complete without the two excellent readings given by Mrs. L. E. Van Tassel and Mrs. Wm. Grant of Cincinnati. Both were beautiful.

The evening service closed with messages by your correspondent who arrived from Akron on Friday and have remained over Sunday in the home of our Brother and Sister Ludwig, and where every moment has been enjoyed to the utmost among the loving and harmonious band of Spiritualists of Ashtabula. I must speak of the Temple and the combination here, a Temple that has been ground up by the Spiritualists. It was commenced last October, 1906, and the Ladies' Aid, which is such a factor in the work everywhere, has given suppers every Saturday evening since then, increasing the building fund amazingly. They expect its completion and dedication some time in June, when Spiritualists can point with pride to their "home" as a ornament to the city. I must say everyone in the city who has been solicited to assist has responded splendidly—Jew, Gentile and Orthodox alike, for which they should be extremely proud. The Ladies' Aid officers and members, everyone, has and will continue to work and solicit untiringly until the church is complete in every way and the men—god bless them—are ever ready to add dollar after dollar for the beautiful windows, etc. Spiritualists wake up—work—the day is coming when every city and every band of earnest workers can have the same privilege of meeting in their own little Temple as the Spiritualists of Ashtabula will, if you are earnest, loving, harmonious and united as they are.

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