

FROM THE SEC'Y OF N. S. A.

MRS. MARY T. LONGLEY.

Greetings of love to you and your readers, dear Mr. Editor, and also, many thanks from this office, for your unfailing courtesy to this Association. We trust that you have entirely recovered your health, and that you are fully equipped for the continuance of your good work the Cause of Truth.

The N. S. A. is a friend to all true workers in Spiritualism. It does not decry mediumship, but stands by it and the instruments of the Spirit-world, in spite of rumors to the contrary. Though there may be many unworthy tricksters in our ranks, whom the National Association would be glad to eliminate, it by no means follows, that there are not thousands of true, self sacrificing mediums who do their best for the cause of humanity, and the spread of truth, and we believe, that by far, the largest per cent of mediumship, is just what it claims to be, an open doorway between the two worlds, by which immortality may be proven. We all know that one medium will not be able to satisfy every investigator of the truth, but while one medium may satisfy one person, and fail to meet the needs of the next who comes, some other medium may give the very evidence needed by the second comer. And, we are by no means to say that the medium who failed, is a fraud—let the bulk of his work prove the verity—or otherwise of his claims—the N. S. A. is not a foe to mediums. It is ready to stand by them and the work.

The Mayer fund must be filled in a few weeks, we have still a thousand dollars to collect, besides the pledges to be paid. Will not the friends see to it, that the needed sum is raised, by sending what they can spare to this office? We have a large number of copies of the pretty booklet of poems "Violets" for sale at 25 cents each, for the benefit of the Mayer fund. Every family should have a copy of them.

The Convention, Oct. 16-18, at Cleveland, promises to be a grand affair in numbers, work and enthusiasm. Please come. Travel on certificate tickets, and notify your railroad agent you wish for them in time for him to secure them for you. Headquarters at the Forest City House, are all that can be desired. Comfort and utility mark the hotel, our special rates of two dollars a day for each person at this hotel, are like a prize on "Bargain Day." The Amendments to be passed on at Convention are as follows:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

To The Constitution and By-Laws of the National Spiritualist Association.

Article IX, by substituting "Biennial" in place of "Annual Conventions," thus making the Convention meet every two years instead of annually.

Amend Constitution by adding:

"Any good Spiritualist paying one hundred dollars into the treasury of the National Spiritualists' Association shall be entitled to a life membership in the Association, with a right to vote in all of its business transactions."

Amend Constitution:

"To allow honorary or lay members the privileges of delegates; also that provisions be made for five-year members, with Convention privileges, for the sum of twenty-five dollars."

Article XI, Section 2, of the By-Laws, by inserting after "local associations" the words "holding State charters."

COL. SIMON P. KASE.

The Veteran Spiritualist Passes Away At His Home in Philadelphia.

Col. Simon P. Kase, one of the best known Spiritualists in the United States, if not in the world, passed quietly away from his home in Philadelphia and was buried August 30.

Col. Kase was one of the early converts to Spiritualism. Many of the most prominent mediums of the early days of modern movement were entertained at his home and varied were the experiences which he told in his narrative style, of the marvelous phenomena that took place under the finest of test conditions.

Col. Kase was one who gave to mediums the proper conditions for the production of the phenomena. His home was opened to them, and while there, everything that conducted to quietude and harmonious conditions was thrown around them. It is not to be wondered at that under such conditions phenomena were produced that seem almost incredible to the ordinary listener. Bulky objects were brought from different parts of the house and even from different sections of the country. Flowers, from tropical lands where no such plant could be found within hundreds of miles, even living animals and birds being brought into the room and on one occasion a large ham that had been hanging in the cellar being by some mysterious power brought into the seance room.

The following from the Philadelphia Item will give a slight idea of the last exercises:

"The funeral of Colonel Simon P. Kase, the Spiritualist, took place this morning from the family home, Fifteenth and Oxford Streets, interment being made in Mount Peace Cemetery. The funeral was largely attended, principally by believers in the faith.

"Farewell" services were held at the house last night, and the place was crowded. There was no sign of crepe anywhere, nor was there any other indication of mourning. In a small reception room rested the coffin containing Col. Kase's body, covered with flowers.

"The lights were turned low because of the heat, and in the dimly-illuminated rooms there was absolutely nothing to suggest that all those in the house had gathered to attend funeral services.

"Everything possible was done to convince them to the contrary, or, as Samuel Wheeler, Vice President of the Philadelphia Spiritualist Society, said, they met 'not to commemorate Colonel Kase's death in this world but his birth into the next one.' Mrs. Kase, dressed just as she might have been to receive friends at a reception, moved about among her guests, trying to find chairs for late arrivals.

"The guests passed up stairs to a large room, where there was an open piano, upon which rested a guitar. Upon the walls were oil paintings of Washington and Lincoln, and written messages from relatives of the dead man, believed by him to have been written by hands that had long been laid in the grave. At the piano sat an aged man who played 'Nearer my God, to Thee,' and a young woman soon started to sing it as a solo, but she was joined by nearly every one in the room."

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"CHARACTER BUILDING AND PRAYER."

BY E. W. GOULD.

Written for THE SUNFLOWER Sept. 3, 1900.

In a late address by the venerable Dr. J. M. Peebles at the Ohio State Convention, as reported in the *Banner of Light*, of July 14th, I note the above suggestion, in connection with several others, who were called upon on the memorable occasion, to address the convention.

When discussing the obligations and the duties that devolve upon the workers in the Spiritual field, Doctor Peebles said in part:

"Now, fellow workers, while the editors of the great papers are pledging their faith to harmony, let us enlist, and make this a great army under their guidance.

"*The Light of Truth*, in its effort to create a world of usefulness, must, at the same time, evolve a firmament. Remember, dear reader, that we seek to make as a central orb in that firmament, CHARACTER BUILDING.

"In the six days of our labor, every act must be accompanied by Aspiration and prayer; therefore, we link, as a cardinal feature of our policy,

CHARACTER BUILDING AND PRAYER."

While many are familiar with these two peculiar phrases, they are seldom used in conjunction, as they imply two very different exercises, in moral ethics and practice.

As the Doctor enjoins Character Building as one of the principal obligations devolving upon Spiritualists, let us see what that implies.

As a sect, Spiritualists have done very little in that direction, as I understand it, and it may be proper, and indeed necessary, if, as the Doctor says, Character-Building is to be one of the principal factors in Spiritual teaching, that we look a little in detail, into what we have to do.

Agreeable to my recollection, it was Doctor Holmes of Boston, that very popular and well known physician, who, when asked at what age a child's education and training should be commenced, replied, "Two hundred years before its birth."

If that be the case, perhaps it will be better for us in our investigation of the subject of Character Building, to omit the earlier preliminaries, and take the child as soon as it arrives at years of discretion.

The precocity and observation of children at this age of the world is such, that by due diligence and careful training, a good foundation for Character Building may be secured by the time the child is old enough to know right from wrong.

As Spiritualists take no stock in the old orthodox theory of natural depravity, we can at once commence, by precept and example, to build the future character to which the Doctor so earnestly refers.

If it is true, as claimed, that Character building is an individual work, and can not be accomplished by another, only so far as advice and instruction can be imparted, it seems to me the Doctor should have gone a little further and defined characters and given us an idea of what he would have us pray for.

There are a great variety of characters as well as of prayers, and until we define them and agree upon what we want to accomplish, are we not liable to be at work at cross purposes, and our effort every "six days of the week," liable to do more harm than good?

Our effort to agree upon a code of (Continued on Page 2.)

HOME CIRCLES.

How to Organize and Conduct Them.

By W. H. BACH.

When the cold winds begin to blow, people of all classes wonder what they can do to spend the long winter evenings. Nothing could be of more interest than a home circle.

Every family possesses among its members, one or more who can get the phenomena if proper conditions are made for it. Hundreds of families have held their circles and demonstrated to their complete satisfaction that there is a life after death and that under proper conditions there is communion between the spheres of carnate and decarnate existence. That much demonstrated, a long list of advantages can accrue to the sitters.

The first essential to a successful home or any other kind of circle, is harmony. Therefore it is necessary in making the first start to interest those who are to form the members. If one member of the family does not want to sit, leave that member out and go right on without him or her as their presence in the circle will result detrimentally if the circle is joined under compulsion.

The next thing to do is to settle upon some time that will be devoted to it. Again the wishes of the entire circle should be consulted as it will be necessary in order that good results are obtained that it should meet regularly and at a time that will be acceptable to all.

Having decided upon time, location and frequency of meetings, do not let anything else interfere with it. You are making an appointment with your spirit friends. In order to do the necessary work, they will have to arrange a circle in their sphere of existence and more work will be done that is not seen than will be done by the seen workers. Therefore it becomes necessary to secure the best of results that these appointments be kept as sacredly as you keep your business appointments in this life.

Having attended to all of these details you are ready to arrange your circle. Here again much discretion is necessary. It should be arranged so as to form a natural human battery. To do this it is necessary to secure a human counterpart of the chemicals and materials used in galvanic batteries.

As copper and zinc or carbon and zinc in a proper solution project a force from one to the other, so people of unlike temperaments will act on each other to form a natural battery. As a rule males are positive and females negative. If more of one sex predominate, place the dark complexioned where positives are required and light complexioned where the negatives are required. Try to put people who are harmonious next to each other and then try your circle.

This arrangement will usually produce a good condition. You can tell if arrangements have been properly made by the feeling of the circle. If properly arranged it will appear quiet, harmonious and in many cases there will be a tendency on the part of those who are sensitive to go to sleep. On the other hand, if the circle is not properly arranged there will be an uneasiness prevailing that will show very clearly that something is wrong. When the last condition prevails, change the position of some of the members of the circle until a proper equilibrium is produced.

As this will require some authority, it is advisable to select some person as director in the beginning of the circle. Then after manifestations are produced, you can seek the advice of your spirit friends to know what is best to do to

make the most success possible with the material at hand.

The kind of manifestations and the class of manifesting spirits will depend to a great extent upon the actions of the circle. If the circle is quiet, with a desire for the best, a similar class of spirits will be attracted. If the circle is devoted to fun, laughing and jest, that class of spirits will be attracted and the results will be accordingly. Remember that upon yourselves depends the class of phenomena, the reliability or unreliability of the messages received and that much will be gained towards securing reliable phenomena.

I hear someone ask after reading the last sentence, "Is there unreliable phenomena?" Yes, both reliable and unreliable. Like attracts like and as people carry their characteristics with them, you will attract the kind of spirits your circle makes conditions for. The law that permits a truthful spirit to return, permits an untruthful one; that permits a good one, permits a bad one. It is governed by the conditions you make.

"CHARACTER BUILDING AND PRAYER."

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principles was so unsuccessful, and so unsatisfactory when agreed upon, it should admonish us of the necessity of explaining every important theory we attempt to promulgate.

While Doctor Peebles urges "Character Building and Prayer" as among the important daily duties, I question whether one half the Spiritualists in America would agree as to what Character Building implies, or that believe in prayer at all. That class will be difficult to convince of the value of prayer, while many others will be equally skeptical as to what the Doctor would enjoin in Character Building.

Prayer, as usually understood, implies a petition to a higher power, higher authority and wisdom, generally to the Supreme Power or to God.

Since the idea of a personal Deity has been so largely abandoned, I think prayer in public has been correspondingly discontinued when addressed to the great over-soul—to God.

Beyond the effect upon the mind of the speaker and the audience, I cannot suppose any beneficial result can accrue from a public prayer, although many in deep affliction are undoubtedly comforted. But education has far more to do with that than faith and reason have. I would not presume to criticize anything that Doctor Peebles may say or write, if I was satisfied he had fully considered the effect it would have upon the mind of the people. Those that think, that reason.

His long experience as a teacher, a writer, a traveler, has given him a position that entitles his words, his writings, his judgment to the respect of those who know him, or are familiar with his teachings. Hence I criticize with timidity any thing that comes from him, as I realize that what he says is considered authority by many sincere Spiritualists. I realize too, that so many unexplained theories and new isms, are being introduced, and many of them accepted by Spiritualists, that great caution should be observed both by teachers and laymen, where any new theory or principle is sought to be introduced, even by as competent authority as Doctor Peebles.

I observe a very critical difference to some of Dr. Peebles' declarations of a more recent date in a *Banner of Light* of August 25, over the signature of Brother William Foster, Jr., one of which is so original, so extraordinary I can not resist the inclination to quote it. It is as follows:

"The rank and file of returning Spirits are idlers, spirit tramps and pleasure seekers."

As I am not familiar with the origin of this quotation, I shall not attempt to criticize it to any extent. I will simply say, not being familiar with the Doctors associates, I will not attempt to judge of their character or of their occupation. As the Doctor only includes the "rank and file" in this classification, I feel there may be more outside that class

than Bro. Foster apprehends, and that I have many dear friends among them, some of whom often meet me, but never in company with "idlers, spirit tramps, or pleasure seekers." While I have no doubt the Doctor will be able to satisfactorily explain his theory of Character Building and Prayer from his standpoint, I trust he will consent to do so. But Spiritualists have so many different standpoints from which they draw conclusions, and insist they are right, while I believe in the fullest liberty consistent with good morals, the lack of harmony and the differences of opinion, in the minds of our teachers and our leaders in the last fifty years, has been the cause of too much ill feeling, and from this time forward I feel it a duty we owe the cause and its friends to clear up every obscure point, and make clear every point of doctrine that is liable to be misunderstood or to create controversy or inharmony. I regret to see at the present time a sharp diversity of opinion springing up in our ranks upon the proper time to introduce upon our public platforms, phenomena. All concede its value—its usefulness. The only question as I understand it, is the time and place.

Anything like a compromising spirit, an earnest effort, to secure harmony, peace and good will, would undoubtedly be successful. The argument is, we must draw the line somewhere. "How shall we distinguish between fraudulent and genuine mediums, if we permit both classes to occupy the same platform?"

When we begin with the search light with an earnest, honest purpose, and a determination to make all proper allowances for circumstances and appearances we shall find but few fraudulent mediums in comparison to those that have been reported as such.

I have seen but few fraudulent mediums, but many that have been accused of fraud. Honest and sincere mediums can and sometimes do explain the embarrassments that timid mediums with little experience sometimes feel when they are unable to produce phenomena that they have at other times produced. An audience that has paid ten cents for admission to such a seance, goes away dissatisfied, and declares the medium to be a fraud, and they will never attend that seance again. I am by no means an advocate of fraudulent mediumship; neither am I disposed to see injustice done to worthy, partially developed mediums.

While I very much prefer confining the Sunday platform seances to the philosophy of our teachings, I think it due to those who prefer the phenomena to have the privilege of one-half the day, and the expenses of both be borne by the society.

The time has not yet come for a division, neither are we able to support a divided organization. With the exception of very few cities, if a persistent effort to divide is made, it will break up the whole organization and no good will be accomplished. Our local societies are nearly, if not all, tottering on the brink of dissolution.

All the remedy I see possible is more thorough organization, a united effort to save the cause by a determined and persistent resolution to sacrifice every thing for the general good.

LIFE'S SHADOWS

HARRIET H. DANFORTH.

When those we have trusted fail us,
And friends are friends no more;
We walk in the valley of Shadows,
Wounded, weary and sore.

For a time, in the darkness we wander,
Heavy hearted we travel alone,
Hoping that each tomorrow
Bright rays may brighten the gloom.

But cover the heart aches it may be
That sorrow comes to the favored few;
And through pains sharp ministry
Show us the beauties of Divinity.

If this be true, whate'er be my lot,
Come grim sorrow, I fear you not;
Knowing, I lean on strength supreme,
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AT LILY DALE.

September usually brings a few cold days and this year is no exception. Taking it altogether we are having the finest kind of weather, and after the few cold days we can look forward to from four to six weeks that are the finest of the year. The woods are beginning to color and within the next two weeks there will be all colors, from green to bright red.

While many of the summer campers have gone to their homes, there still are a number of summer cottages open in addition to those who remain during the winter.

"Porch Parties" are having a great run and the wide verandas on so many of the cottages make the finest kind of places to hold them.

The South Park and Leolyn Hotels are still open. The Leolyn will close September 30, while the South Park will remain open all winter.

After having spent three weeks at the hospital at Gowanda, O. L. Concannon returned to Lily Dale for a few days. He is accompanied by his mother.

The last Saturday evening of camp was marked by a peculiar and quite a serious accident. Mrs. Carl Abell of Cassadaga, fell through a hole in the steamboat landing just outside the gates, and as a result is partially paralyzed. She has secured the services of Stearns, Warner & Cummings of Dunkirk, and will begin suit for damages against the owners of the dock. While she was more seriously hurt than was at first supposed, she is now expected to recover.

The license question was again decided against the liquor dealers by Justice Kenefick of Buffalo. An appeal will be taken to the appellate court. The liquor dealers claim there was an irregularity in the election. In the meantime, there seems to be little difficulty in securing all the liquor anyone wants, but not from regular saloons. Whether blind pigs are an improvement or not is a question.

J. H. Turner and wife have gone to housekeeping in the Carpenter cottage, corner Cleveland Ave. and Marion St. Mr. Turner is an all-round printer and is employed in THE SUNFLOWER office.

The postoffice is still at the gate but expects to take up quarters in the Wilcox store for the winter. It will be moved soon.

Mr. Hoard and family have moved to Jamestown.

Judge Baillet and wife will soon start for the east to remain all winter. Mrs. Baillet will continue her spiritual work, giving sittings and parlor talks in the home of her childhood, after nine years absence.

Many Lily Dale people visited the county fair at Dunkirk this week, also the fireman's tournament at Jamestown.

Dr. Hyde has been called to Boston. N. H. Eddy will return to Buffalo about the 17th. Miss Alice Coates spent a few days here and then went to Buffalo for the winter. Harriet H. Danforth made a trip to Buffalo and will soon start for Hartford, Conn., where she will spend the winter.

Among the other departures we note Dr. Dumont C. Dake, who returned to his home in New York.; Mrs. H. Keene, Mrs. R. A. Northrup, the Gaston family, Mrs. Mary Webb Baker, Mrs. Maria Carpenter and Miss Lavine, Mrs. Alice Jack, Mrs. A. A. Crawford and J. C. Smith.

Campbell Brothers go to Atlantic City for a short rest and then settle in New York or Brooklyn for the winter.

Madam de Ovies and son are located at Jamestown for the present. Senor de Ovies is at Atlantic city.

H. L. Raynor of Hartfield, was visitor for one day.

J. H. Champlin will remodel his building next to the Association office and put in a stock of groceries and meats. Part of his goods are now here and more are on the road.

M. R. Rouse and Mr. and Mrs. Batchelder of Titusville, spent Sunday on the grounds.

Among the pleasant social events was a surprise that was tendered to Mrs.



MRS. MARIA RAMSDELL.

Maria Ramsdell, September 7 at her residence on North street. Ten of her friends presented themselves and proceeded to the material and spiritual enjoyment of the occasion.

Mrs. B. M. Purple gave a dinner party September 13th.

The fall improvements are going on, many little jobs being done to make the houses comfortable for winter use.

MRS. SARAH A. BURTIS.

A Letter From the Oldest Lily Dale Camper.

Dear Friends:—

My failure to send my subscription has been owing to a month's severe sickness and moving. I am still very weak and in bed, but slowly gaining. This is the first camp I have missed in eighteen years, nineteen camp meetings, but I have been with you in spirit in all of your excellent deliberations for the right and true.

I read your fragrant SUNFLOWER every issue that my poor, dim eyesight permits, and each one as it comes seems more and more permeated with richness and fragrance and to eclipse its predecessor. I cannot write more as my fingers are so stiff, so desist with love to all.

Yours,

MRS. S. A. BURTIS.

[So many have missed the familiar figure of our good sister this summer and asked questions about her that we know she will pardon us for publishing what is really a personal letter. But it will answer the questions that visitors to camp are asking, and a large proportion of them will see it in the SUNFLOWER. We missed you truly, Mrs. Burtis, and the best wishes of not only the publishers, but our readers will go out to you with healing thoughts, and we all hope to welcome you to the grounds again next summer.—Ed.]

GUARD THY TONGUE.

ELLEN F. PRATT.

If you've told an ugly story,
Let it drop.

No good thing can come of evil,
Let it drop.

Ill words are just as harmful
As evil deeds,

And keep the soul from growing—
Only weeds.

Let the Christ within you whisper
"All is well."

If you know a friend has fallen,
Do not tell.

Follow straight the golden rule
That Jesus taught.

Live good, talk good, and thou canst do
The miracles He wrought.

There is so much of beauty
To talk about

In this great world of ours—
Put lies to rout.

Talk health and loving kindness,
Talk peace;

Talk anything but evil
And ill will cease.

—UNITY.

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Second International Congress of Hypnotism.

The month of August, 1900, will certainly contribute much to hypnotic literature. The Second International Congress of Hypnotism meets the 12th to 16 of August at Paris. The congress has two aims; to fix upon a definite terminology for Hypnotism and to determine and preserve the real acquisitions in the domain of Hypnotism up to the present time. The work of the congress will be divided into four parts:

I. Clinics and Therapeutics of Hypnotism and Suggestion.

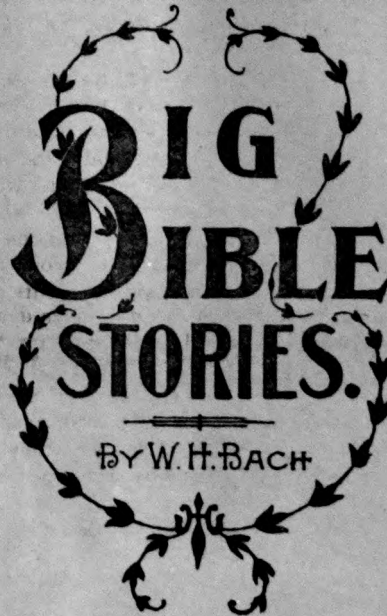
II. Pedagogical and Sociological Applications of Hypnotism.

III. Psycho-Physiological.

IV. Medico-Legal.

It can be seen from this that there will be a wide range of subjects discussed, and students of Hypnotism will look forward with interest to the publication of the proceedings of the congress. Among the pleasant features of the Congress are excursions to different points of interest, and last but not least, the banquet which closes the proceedings. We expect to give the readers of The Suggesters and Thinker an account of the more important proceedings of this Congress.—Suggester and Thinker.

In spirit all are One; but there are different gradations of spirit, just as in a great light the focus is the most brilliant; the farther away the rays recede from the focus the weaker they become until they are lost in darkness.



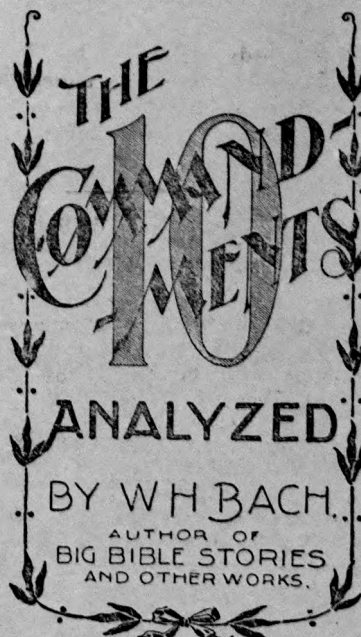
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GHOSTLY HORSES TROT.

Chesleigh, a Ghost, Drives Them.
Geneva Mystery.

Geneva, N. Y., has a trio of ghosts—a man and a team of horses—and they appear every Tuesday night at 10 o'clock walking across the waters of Chesleigh Pond.

Residents in the neighborhood of the pond and people from Geneva watch from the shore for the phantoms. The team is driven by the man seated in a low vehicle, and the apparition first appears coming down the road on the east shore of the pond. The horses trot on the water for twenty rods and then man, horses and vehicle vanish. The route never varies.

Chesleigh Pond is four miles northeast of Geneva. It covers thirty miles, and has neither inlet nor outlet, but is believed to have a subterranean connection with Seneca Lake, two miles away.

It has been observed that when a storm rages on Seneca Lake the pond is also rough and when a calm lies upon Seneca, Chesleigh Pond is unruffled. Its depth has never been ascertained, although many attempts have been made to sound it.

Sixty years ago the pond and adjoining land were owned by Timothy Chesleigh. One day in the winter of 1857 Mr. Chesleigh started to drive across the pond on the ice with a team of horses. Out in the lake the ice gave way and nothing was ever seen again of man or team.

That the apparitions now appearing are the restless spirits of Chesleigh and his team is the firm belief of the older residents who remember the circumstances of Chesleigh's death.

The ghosts were first seen by Daniel Wilson, an intelligent and reputable farmer, on the evening of July 3d last. He watched the team down the East road and supposed they were of flesh and blood. When the horses stepped upon the shining surface of the water and trotted easily forward, Mr. Wilson became excited, and after they had abruptly disappeared he consulted several of his neighboring farmers, who watched with him nightly to verify his story.

Nothing appeared until a week after the first visit, when the entire party saw the apparitions as described by Mr. Wilson. A watch has been kept every night since the first observance of the phenomena, but only on Tuesdays are the watchers rewarded with a sight of the ghosts.

FORETOLD HER DEATH.

Said She'd Die When Pastor Came Home—Prophecy Came True.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Zeitz, one of the founders of the German Lutheran church, in Elizabeth, N. J., had her presentiment of death fulfilled when she died early yesterday morning from a sudden stroke of paralysis, after attending a reception given in honor of the home-coming of the Rev. Christian Fisher, pastor of the church, who has just returned from a European trip.

Mrs. Zeitz, although 75 years old, was one of the liveliest old persons at the reception, from which she returned to her home at 10 o'clock Tuesday night, and while undressing the fatal attack came on. She dropped to the floor, and, in falling, upset a lighted lamp which was on the table in the room.

Her grandson heard the lamp fall and rushed into the room in time to save the house from destruction, as the blazing oil had ignited the carpet. Mrs. Zeitz was unconscious when picked up, and remained in this condition until she passed away. She was a widow and leaves one son and four daughters.

Mrs. Zeitz, a month ago told some of her friends and the members of her family that she had a presentiment that when her pastor, to whom she was much attached, returned from his trip abroad her time on earth would be about ended, but that she did not want to die before she saw him again. Mr. Fisher was present to close her eyes when the end came.

Spirit Message Department

CONDUCTED BY

J. Corden White.

Frances Stockwell,

I find this way open to reach my dear one's of earth and I realize that Frank and Etta want to change the conditions in their own home and bring out the unfoldment that should exist there. I want Etta to go on and sit as her sister Birdie and Father Silas Weller will do all they can. To my dear son Frank I send the love and greeting from our home beyond. I am with your Grand Pa Enoch Johnson and have no regret of my passing away. The joy of my soul is to progress onward. My boy lives at Watertown, N. Y.

George and Adele Guile.

We want to reach our dear daughter Frances Guile, in Buffalo. We have never come in this way but we desire that she may realize more our condition and go onward in the investigations of life eternal and in so doing she may realize more each day that our desire is to help her onward. Your aunt Ella wants to be kindly remembered. We see how unhappy you are at times and yet it will be so much brighter for you. Father and Mother.

John O. Wattles.

I came from Warren, Ohio, as there is the magnet that draws me to the physical life. I have been on the spirit side of life for many years and I have watched over Esther and know how true she has been to me all these years. With me are her sisters Jane, Ann and Lydia also her cousin, Jane Pettitt. I know that she is just the same good quaker she ever was. I thank you for giving me this space.

David and Martha Henion.

I hope you may be able to send this message to our dear child, Alice. We realize she does not understand the laws that govern us when she asks "If my father and mother can come why don't they come to me direct." My child there are laws that must be complied with to gain this great unfoldment of life. We did not understand how but your sister Julia opened the way for us to come here as we realize how anxious you are to receive some evidence from this life. We bring with us Dora Blanchard and many others to send greetings.

VERIFICATION.

The message published in THE SUNFLOWER of May 1st from my brother Oliver Carter is correct in every particular; every name mentioned is correct and are all relatives of mine. I am very thankful to you and Mr. White for sending the message to me and am also especially thankful to my dear brother and others for giving the message.

Jonesboro, Ind. ELIJAH CARTER.

In THE SUNFLOWER of March 15, I fully recognize the message from my husband, Chas. Pangburn, my mother, Sophronia, my father Benjamin Brace and my dear daughter Lizzie. Thanks to Mr. White and his guides for the message.

Belgium, N. Y. SOPHRONIA PANGBURN.

In your paper of May 1st I find a message from my wife, Emilie Francksen; the message, as well as the names of every spirit friend mentioned in same, is correct and therefore I can not help to express heartest thankfulness towards Mr. White.

La Crosse, Wis. HENRY FRANCKSEN.

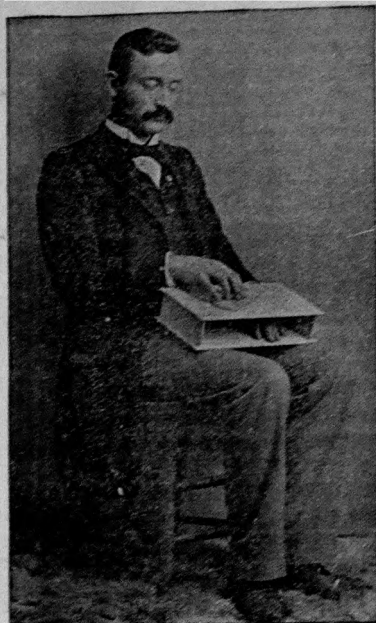
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The meeting opened with President Frank Walker in the chair. Mrs. Ida P. Whitlock, of Providence, R. I., was the lecturer and on this occasion took for her subject: "The Aids to Spiritual Unfoldment," which was highly appreciated.

September first, meeting opened with Conference in the morning; in the afternoon Mrs. Whitlock again lectured taking for her subject "Do you need a Religion." At the close I answered questions sent up by the audience followed by test seance; all messages promptly recognized. This session closed with a beautiful solo by Frank Walker which was warmly received, he was accompanied by a lady at the piano and gentleman on the violin. Benediction pronounced by Mrs. Whitlock.

Sunday September 2, which was the largest day of the session, opened in the a. m. with Conference, an inspirational poem, subject: "Hope," by a young medium of North Collins whose name I did not catch, followed by several other speakers.

Mrs. Whitlock gave her lecture on "Signs of the Times" and meeting was closed by solo from Frank Walker.

The last session in the afternoon a lecture on "Spiritual Phenomena" was given by Mrs. Whitlock and attentively listened to by the large audience Mrs. Copper rendered a beautiful solo entitled "Walk in thy Mother's way."

I again answered questions from the audience, of a test nature, followed by a seance; all being recognized with one exception. An obligata was rendered by piano, violin and Frank Walker, Mrs. Whitlock pronounced the benediction and this closed the forty-fifth meeting. Your humble servant has been re-engaged for the coming meeting of 1901.

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A Hypnotic Quack.

Rosslyn Ferrell, a young man of Columbus, O., killed Express Messenger Lane and robbed the express safe. He was caught, and as a consequence is in jail at Marysville, O., awaiting trial. The Columbus Dispatch for August 22 contains the following:

Stubenville, O., Aug. 21.—Mrs. Ferrell is in receipt of a letter from a female crank, who, in lieu of a big sum of money offers to free Ross Ferrell. Mrs. M. D. Gage of Council Bluffs, Iowa, is the writer, and she plays strong on what the parents should do to have a loving son freed. She asks that \$1,500 be sent her in \$50 bills, wrapped in a newspaper and plenty of two-cent stamps to insure delivery, as she does not take drafts, money orders, etc.

"She says she was employed on the Durrant case and was helping him until his parents wrote telling her not to assist him any longer as they did not need it, and from that day she says, matters went against Durrant. She wants the money in advance and at once, so she can begin the work of concentrating her mind on those who will have charge of Ferrell's trial.

"She proposes by a process of hypnotism to influence judge and jury, and put them in the shape of dopey men, so they can do nothing but liberate Ferrell. She says if her instructions are followed she will have Ross walking on the streets shortly."

Persons who wonder why it is that hypnotism is dreaded and maligned by many will find a partial explanation by reading the above extract. We have represented here one of the classes of persons who help to bring hypnotism into disrepute. This class consists of those persons who, although ignorant of every law and principle of hypnotism, profess to be hypnotists, and imagine they are able to accomplish anything they desire. It is a veritable Aladdin's Temple to them. They make use of their supposed power to obtain shakels from the unwary, but this is the limit of their ability.

Another class of persons which helps to bring hypnotism into disrepute, consists of those who read the above articles and swallow every word of it for gospel truth. They never stop to ask themselves whether this person is an impostor or not, whether any being can possess such power as this woman claims to have. Those who know anything about hypnotism know there is no such power, but even in this progressive age those who have an intelligent knowledge of hypnotism and its phenomena are in a decided minority. We are glad to say, however, that through the earnest work of a number of devoted men much of the stigma which has rested upon this subject is being removed.—Suggester and Thinker.

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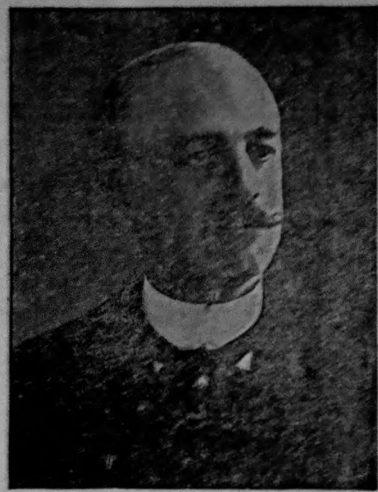
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THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GOD.

Within a few days the world has been called upon to read the horrors of the worst disaster that has ever taken place in the history of this country and it brings up the above question.

Thousands upon thousands of people are scattered along the Gulf Coast working for a livelihood and incidentally carrying out the plan of that great Creative Power on earth. At least, so our orthodox brethren would have us believe. These people were innocent of any crime, many of them were church members and some few real genuine Christians, yet not one of them was spared the terrible experience of that awful storm.

What is God's responsibility in this matter?

If, as Christians assert, God is an omnipotent power, then he (she or it) is responsible for everything that takes place upon the face of the earth. If it rains, God lets it. If we have a drought, God makes it. If we have a terrible storm, God is responsible for it.

We are told by the orthodox that their God's potency is such that "He spake and it was so; He commanded and it stood fast." Shall we then accept as a fact that the Omnipotent Ruler of this Universe said, "Let a storm come on the Gulf of Mexico and let the city of Galveston be destroyed?"

"O! No!" says our orthodox. "God does not do that." Does't He? Read history of the cities of Bible times and see if it does not represent him as doing just such things. Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed, the walls of Jerico fell at His command or by following His instructions, thousands of human beings were delivered into slavery all--the Bible says--in accordance with God's promises and commands.

With storms, cyclones, waterspouts, tidal waves, disease, poverty, robbery, rapine, murder, plagues does't it look as though the Christian's God had a lot to answer for?

"But it is not an arbitrary power" says one. If that power can be moved by prayers, it certainly is arbitrary. If it can number the hairs of your head and blades of grass and not a sparrow falls without His knowledge, either human beings are less than the hairs of their head or He wanted this cataclysm.

Again "infidels" have a good case against the orthodox conception of deity.

ARE THE LARGER PROPORTION DAMNED?

Dr. Talmage recently stated that the population of the world increased at the rate of 15,000,000 annually. While we think his figures too large, we wonder what "his reverence" thinks of their fate. Are they all, or at least the biggest proportion of them, damned? Statistics show that the church membership is not increasing. Leading bishops have advocated weeks of prayer to make people join the church as the church power is admitted by them to be waning.

Now what becomes of these people according to Dr. Talmage's theory? It is

estimated that less than one fifth of the population of this "Christian" country are church members. While it is well known that a large proportion of them are merely members for policy's sake. It helps them in business and socially. What becomes of this great number of people who are outside the pale of Christianity? We wish Dr. Talmage would tell us.

THE MAYER FUND.

Only about a month of probation remains for those whose "sin of omission" imperils the future success and usefulness of the N. S. A., and we earnestly entreat them to come to the rescue, and handsomely atone for their neglect of duty. "Better late than never" is on old saying that may solace the consciousness of those who have postponed till the eleventh hour the generous deed they have intended to perform. But all laggards must at once bear in mind that "delays are dangerous," and, as they say in the prayer meeting, "Now is the accepted time," and probably the last last time, to secure the munificent donation of one whom all ought to emulate to the extent of their ability.

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GLEANINGS.

Under the above heading we will publish a series of articles during the winter from the pen of Miss Harriet Danforth, the well know palmist. Their titles will be as follows:

- "Numerical Value of Letters."
- "Flowers and the Relation They Bear to Each Individual."
- "The Conversational Voice."
- "Physical Culture."

These articles can not fail to be of great interest. The growing demand for light along these topics makes it almost imperative that people know something them. THE SUNFLOWER will always have the latest along such lines.

In our next issue we will publish an account of a battle between a malaria germ and a red blood corpuscle. The battle lasted fifteen minutes and was witnessed through a microscope.

AMONG THE LATER BOOKS.

THE BIBLE TRIUMPHANT.

Among the recent books that have been brought to our notice is one entitled "The Bible Triumphant." It was written in reply to "144 Self Contradictions of the Bible." Of all the weak volumes in reply to "infidel" arguments, this one appears to us to be the weakest. It consists of a series of statements without reason therefor, merely assertions by the author. An instance might be quoted. "If a man come to me and hate not his father," etc. The author does not give any reason for the statement but simply brushes it aside with the assertion that "hate" does not mean "hate," but "love less." This is an old argument and as far as known utterly without foundation. It would be possible to go through the whole book in the same way but it would be simply treshing over old straw. The cause of Bible inerrancy would not be improved by this book.

IMMORTALITY.

THE SUNFLOWER office has just completed the September 15th issue of the quarterly magazine, "Immortality," published and edited by J. C. F. Grumbine. This issue is devoted entirely to Inspiration and is a very fine number. Subscription \$1.00 per year. Single numbers 25 cents at this office.

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THE SUNFLOWER has blossomed again. W. M. Lockwood is at Petosky, Mich.

If any reader of THE SUNFLOWER has a copy of Bishop Colenso's work on the Pentateuch, please let us know.

N. H. Eddy will return to Buffalo after a successful season at Lily Dale. He can be addressed at 142 Prospect Avenue.

We have a subscription from Fredonia, N. Y. and one from Pittsburg, Pa., with no name signed. Senders will please forward name and street number.

Dr. Dumont C. Dake returned to his home in New York City after a very successful season at Lily Dale. He treats disease at a distance. See ad on page 2.

Campbell Brothers left Lily Dale the 14, for Atlantic City where they will enjoy a rest of a few weeks after which they will take up winter quarters in New York City or Brooklyn.

This issue of THE SUNFLOWER will be sent to a number of people who are not subscribers. If you are one of them, look it over and see if you do not want it as a regular visitor. Twice-a-month at 50 cents a year.

The Church of the Soul will resume its meetings at Handel Hall, 40 Randolph St., Chicago, Sunday September 16. Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, the regular pastor will officiate. Seats are free and all are invited.

THE SUNFLOWER had over five hundred more subscribers September 1, 1900 than it had a year ago. Over one hundred subscriptions were received the first half of this month. Not a bad showing for a two-year-old.

Fred P. Evans will go to his ranch in California for rest and recuperation. He will be gone about six weeks after which he will re-open his head quarters in New York City. The Occult Book Store will be kept open during his absence.

J. W. Dennis, Frank Webster, S. E. Latta, Frank G. Mayer and N. H. Eddy have our thanks for subscriptions sent in. Mr. Latta handed us 42 subscriptions. A few such clubs would soon make THE SUNFLOWER a weekly.

Dr. Juliette H. Severance is quite sick. All will join in wishing her a speedy return to health. It will be remembered that she was at one time hissed in a meeting of the American Secular Union for affirming her belief in Spiritualism.

Madam de Ovies' book, Psycho-Palmistry, will be ready about December 15th. It will be fully illustrated and will sell at \$2.50. It will be a volume well worth having. THE SUNFLOWER will have it for sale as soon as issued.

Mrs. M. J. Crilly the test medium has returned to her home in Allegheny, Pa. She has been much improved in health by her summer vacation and will resume her work in Allegheny. Full particulars and her address will be given in a future number of THE SUNFLOWER.

Dr. J. M. Peebles has been busy this summer lecturing and treating. Everywhere he goes he finds the sick who wish his attention. He has filled engagements at campmeetings in Ohio, New York and Michigan and the State Spiritualists' Convention of Minnesota at Minneapolis.

Mrs. Elise Braun, formerly of St. Paul Minn., is now in Colorado. She has done a good work among the people there. She recently delivered a course of lectures at the Masonic Temple, Cripple Creek, Col. that were well received. She

can be addressed at 1921 W. 38 Street, Denver.

The Lynn, Mass., Spiritualists' Association have elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Dr. Alex. Card; Vice, Amanda Robinson; Secretary, A. A. Averill; Treasurer, E. P. Averill; Directors, E. F. Metzger, C. J. Butler, Effie I. Webster. Among the talent engaged are May S. Pepper, Carrie E. S. Twing, C. Fannie Allyn, Effie I. Webster and Lizzie Harlow.

Mrs. A. M. Jones writes: "The third annual reunion of the Woods Family was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Marble, at Columbus, Pa. Fifty three members of the family gathered together to enjoy their annual visit. After partaking of refreshments, which were bountiful and interspersed with jollification, they adjourned to the parlor where a fine program was rendered. Those from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Kerr and family from Titusville, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Theron Eldred, Sheldadine Springs, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Job Barnette, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bradley and the late widow Akins and family from Spartansburg, Pa., C. S. Smith, Meadville, Pa., Mrs. Victor Baldwin and daughters, Jamestown, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Lester Jones and family, Sherman, Mrs. Jones and son, Mrs. Eldred and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harmelink and family, Marks, N. Y.

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BUFFALO ITEMS.

Chas. Wilson writes: "I attended a meeting of the Buffalo Spiritual Church Society, Sunday evening and met with a warm reception. I was at a loss to understand why there was such a happy feeling among the members as I had not been in the habit of seeing quite so much friendship shown in some of the meetings but I soon found out when their president, E. J. Chase, started his meeting and introduced their speakers, who had been absent in California for one year, Mrs. Augusta Armstrong who held the platform. Mrs. C. Lewis Chase followed with tests. Mr. Chase invited all his members and friends to his home to tender Mrs. Armstrong a reception.

Mrs. Mattie Hull opened the Fall meeting at the Temple of the First Church Society, Sunday Sept. 2nd. Mrs. Hull fills all places at any gathering she may attend, she can act as chairman, speaker, singer, reader, leader and preacher.

An error of the types made it read that Mrs. Ellen Dickinson was the mother of Mrs. Chas. Dickinson, speaker for the Social Spiritual Society. It should have been Mr. Chas Dickinson.

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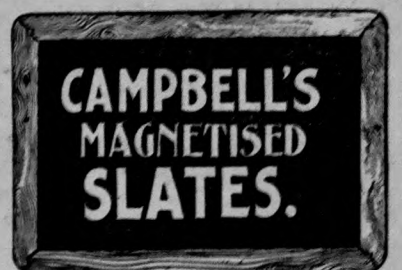
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And bathe within that silvery lake,
Whose waters speak of peace,
And wash all earthly cares away,
And bring such sweet release.

And when we lay aside these robes,
And don the robes more fair,
That's woven by the angel hands,
To drape our souls o'er there.

We'll come again, with life anew,
And each day grow more fair,
To wipe the tears from every eye
And smooth the brow of care.

THE MISSING LINK.

Those who have not heretofore subscribed to the Darwinian theory that man is a descendant of the monkey, or, rather, an ascendant from that animal, will learn with vital interest of a discovery made by Prof. Clement L. Webster, archaeologist, for a long time in the employ of the Government in New Mexico, and now devoting his life to scientific research, with headquarters in this city.

The startling results attained by Mr. Webster consist in the discovery of ten mound-builder mounds near old Chickasaw, Chickasaw Co, Iowa, from which he exhumed no less than fourteen well preserved skeletons of the race whose skulls are almost flat on the crown and whose forearms compare favorably in length with the legs, adding to the belief that these people in their life could scamper along on all-fours at a lively and natural gait.

Scientifically, the find will startle the world of archaeology and attract the interest of the entire personnel of Darwinian believers.

MADE DISCOVERY ALONE.

The mounds are located on the west side of the Little Cedar River, about one and one-half miles below the town at the border of a terrace twenty to forty feet above the flood plain, at its base. This important discovery was made by Webster alone and proof of the find may be seen at his cottage in this city.

About 260 yards to the southeast of the mound is a spring which flows freely through the land formerly populated by these strange monkey men. The mounds are from two to five feet apart, are circular, round-topped and measure from twenty-two to fifty-one feet in diameter and from one and three-fourths to five feet in height. The main line of mounds runs north, and a few degrees east. The others run parallel to the main line.

The first mound opened measured twenty-two feet in diameter and about one foot in height. A few inches above the original surface was a thick bed of charcoal and a large, thoroughly burned oaken log eight feet long and twelve inches thick. There were no skeletons in the first mound, but the second yielded a find which excited even the staid professor, who has been inured to strange and valuable finds all his life.

The mound had been graded almost level years ago by the husbandman, the site of the mounds being on the farm of R. H. Gordon, who, until the discovery, little dreamed he was working over the graves of a prehistoric race of the lowest type and living in sight of a burial ground which, giving up its dead, would set thousands to thinking and agitate the minds of scientists all over the country.

BONES WELL PRESERVED.

In the second mound, at the original surface, two sitting skeletons were found. The bones were well preserved, and Web-

ster carefully exhumed them. When he examined the first skeleton and found the skull flat and the forearms so much longer than the specimens found heretofore, he was delighted, and, though greatly impressed with his important find, continued to dig feverishly into a third mound, in which he struck three more well preserved skeletons, also in sitting postures.

One skeleton faced the east; the second faced the first, and the third a few inches north, also faced the east. The skulls of all three of these skeletons were markedly Neandertholoid in type. In one specimen the lower forehead back of the eye orbits is very narrow, but rapidly expands backward; the frontal arch rises only 4.7 millimetres before sloping abruptly backward, leaving a concavity back of and over the eyes.

The larger cranium was 6¼ inches long by 5 inches wide. One skull appears to be that of a woman. Another probably belonged to a man of great age. What his intellectual power was is only conceived through scientific eyes on examination of his skull. His long arms may have assisted him in swinging from tree to tree when pursued by fierce animals, as it is held by men of knowledge that men in the earliest stages had no weapons of defence except what nature provided.

A RACE OF GIANTS.

The structure of the mound above referred to is: Under three and one-half feet of yellow clay soil unlike that in the immediate vicinity. Under this came one and one-half feet of earth and ashes, very hard, with shattered bits of charcoal, and then, at the original level, the skeletons. The fourth mound explored developed two sitting skeletons with crania crushed, but some of the long bones were preserved. These indicate great muscular development and lofty stature.

The earth and ashes beneath the bones were stained deeply, showing the bodies to have been buried with the flesh. Webster dug actively and soon had four skeletons out on the surface from the next mound. The teeth of these were well preserved, but worn down, with the exception of one which had a large molar cavity, no doubt causing its owner considerable tooth ache ages ago before dentists were on earth. The lower jaw was massive and heavy and protruded brute-like. One skull appears to have been subjected to the action of fire before burial. These last finds were evidently bodies of two aged, one middle-aged and one younger individuals. The last mound opened resulted in three skeletons sitting with feet drawn under. No trace of pottery was found as in the graves of later generations, proving the bodies to be those of people who lived in the crudest age.

Prof. Clement L. Webster is a thoroughly reliable man, well known to all scientific writers and students, and there can be no question as to the greatness and importance of this discovery of what might be considered by some the "missing link." The remaining mounds will be opened in a few days.

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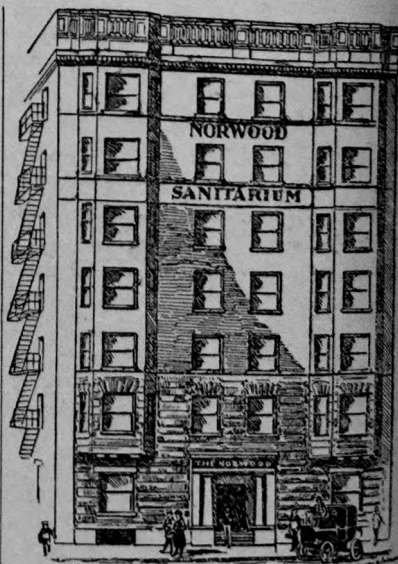
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