

DR. H. H. BRIGHAM,  
President of Lake Helen Camp.

## Southern Cassadaga Camp.

An Interesting Letter From  
Mrs. Huff.

The trip from Lily Dale to the Florida Camp—with few exceptions was delightful. Our party of thirteen persons stopped at Chattanooga found comfortable accommodations at the "Tschopik House" (pronounced Shopik) with every possible attention from the host and hostess and servants as well. Henry Thompson a colored boy from the Tschopik, proved a very efficient guide in escorting us through the National Cemetery and historical parts of the city, showing us the locations and giving descriptions of the different battles and relating thrilling incidents of the late war.

Lookout Mountain should be seen by every one; the grandeur can never be described by tongue or pen. We were taken straight up the mountain eighteen hundred feet, on an incline railway. It seemed in some places like we were riding almost perpendicular to the sky; Edward Fredric who is a colored man and with a mania for using big words, accompanied us on this trip and kept us constantly amused. He remarked when we arrived at the highest point, that if the cable should break there would be a "heterogeneous conglomeration at the foot of the hill" and found no opposition to his statement.

While the thought of being pulled into the air eighteen hundred feet high is almost blood curdling, still the incline road is considered one of the safest in the country and has been running many years without the slightest accident. The ride in the trolley, around High Bluff is thrilling. It runs on the summit of the mountain to Sunset Park, Garden of the Gods, Natural Bridge, Glen View, Point Hotel and Point Lookout, where seven states can be seen, with a variety of magnificent scenery of intense historical interest. Our facetious guide remarked that should we happen to fall from this bluff we would feel "conspicuous," and would need to "turn sidewise to keep from flying."

We stood with awe on this battle ground "above the clouds," while we wondered if there were not a better way to settle all these national difficulties, if the best blood of the world, the most perfect physical manhood, must always be sacrificed to maintain an idea of National Honor, and the National Cemetery at Chattanooga, where so many thousands and soldiers are resting, seemed like a black blot on the wisdom, goodness and diplomacy of our National Representatives, and a disgrace to the intelligence of the Nineteenth Century.

We arrived at camp in due time, fatigued with the long journey of course, found the northern blizzard had overtaken us, making the weather unusually cool for November. A little fire was acceptable in the evening, but, as I am writing the doors are open, the sun is shining and the weather like a northern June day.

And now about the work in contemplation; the lumber is ordered for the improvements on the Hotel and Apartment House. Several rooms in the Hotel are ready to receive guests who wish to spend the winter in this delightful climate. Mrs. A. M. Sherman, so well known at the Leolyn House, Lily Dale, N. Y. is ready to cater to the appetites of the most fastidious. Mrs. C. P. Pratt, occupies her pretty and home-like cottage near the Lake. Mr. and Mrs. VanDuzee have taken rooms in the Apartment House. Mrs. Nutting occupies Mrs. Northrup's Cottage. Mrs. Mary Northrup, Mrs. E. H. Thompson and Miss Belle Gardner have taken rooms in the Hotel. Nearly every cottage is engaged as well as several rooms in the Apartment House and by the last of this month will be occupied.

The people are beginning to learn that if they would escape La Grippe, Pneumonia and kindred diseases that are induced by the extreme winters of the north, they should come early and find a healthful, genial, winter home and help to make the Annual Meeting in harmony with their ideal of such a center.

Those who wish to come before the meeting commences, should send the date of their arrival that a team may be sent to the station, as the bus does not run regularly at this season of the year and the camp ground is three-quarters of a mile distant. Those coming should prepare for occasional cool snaps—with warm suits of underclothing and wraps—but the typical Florida winter weather is like that of a Northern June and thin clothing is needed most of the time. Details concerning the camp and coming session will be given if letters are addressed to the Corresponding Secretary.

MRS. EMMA J. HUFF.

Lake Helen, Fla.

## LOVE.

An Automatic Writing Through the  
Hand of Mrs. F. A. Prosser.

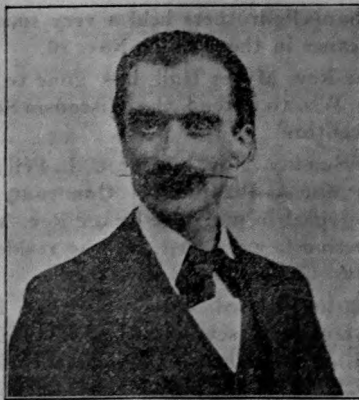
Written for The Sunflower.

The depth and breadth, the power and scope, the absolute infinity comprised by this one word, reaches beyond man's power to comprehend. In short it is so much a part of that great entity which we call God that to know of all its component parts were impossible; for there would still remain the unbounded divide twixt man and the Infinite, to which height of understanding man, in the physical, can never attain.

Aye, e'en though your feet have touched the great beyond, still are you searching for that which you find not, neither can you comprehend; for unto you must greater understanding come ere you are prepared to learn more concerning the infinity toward which you aspire to be led, even as the eager student, who craves the higher lessons of wisdom and finds not the solution.

Step by step must you be led, learning this and that law that will unfold and develop your intellect, making you better prepared to receive the greater lessons ever awaiting the eager student for knowledge concerning the Divine forces of being.

Even as a little child must you be taught of many things, concerning which



VICTOR WYLDE.

you now perhaps consider yourself wise, yet know not of the fundamental laws governing all things.

'Tis love, that sets in motion, the many revolving worlds; that peoples the vast universe, that unfolds the tiny shoot, and sends on its way the babbling brook to furnish to the flowerets the moisture necessary to complete its span of natural existence and pave the way for yet greater development of vegetable and animal production, until in futurity, that spirit gem Divine shall have been wrapped around with the infinite love, until its perfection is reached in reasoning mankind.

Perfection! How we falter ere we give for the completion of this sentence that which stands for so much. Ah! friends! The man or woman does not exist who can reach this ultimatum of all things while yet in the physical, neither can he aspire or rather hope to reach, to that standard for many ages of decarnate experiences.

But for the sake of comprehension such terms are often given that you may the more readily understand the lessons we hope to give from time to time concerning the higher problems of life.

'Tis love that sends the glad messengers from the realms of light, to give you cheer and kind greeting and prove to you that we do still live e'en though thou perceivest us not.

'Tis love that tempts us to leave the realms of bliss and speak unto you concerning this greater life, this higher school and seeks to lead you on to better conditions of life that you may not err, as perhaps we did err and that you may not taste, as we perhaps have tasted, of the gall of remorse concerning deeds committed in the material body and that you may not regret the wasted moments, as perhaps we did, when to our inner perceptions our lives were unrolled as a scroll, no part of which was or is forgotten, but all is of today. Friends are you making that scroll a beautiful thing to see?

Will your inner consciousness approve of the records thereon recorded?

Will you find yourself fit companions for those who are pure in heart?

Oh think well on these things. No matter what the jest or jeer, no matter whose criticism you may encounter, while making your earthly pilgrimage, I charge you to keep your record so pure and bright that to your illumined perceptions naught of regret may mar your peace when your feet shall touch the shining strand and all things concerning your journeyings on the material plane shall be made plain unto you.

Lessons of peace, of joy, of love,  
Are yours daily from the home above  
If you but strive to understand  
And learn the lessons on every hand.  
They are yours to profit by, day by day  
And are scattered around you all the way;  
Lessons so good and full of love,  
They are fit guides to the realms above.

## INSPIRATION.

Real and Imputed.

By J. P. COOKE.

To the higher range of inspired utterance there is a consciousness of a higher, more interior power. A divine influence within which breathes the holy fire by which the subject is animated.

In genuine inspiration, we must admit the exalted ideas and thoughts which come without our volition.

All learning, science, or work which is the achievement of a preconceived mind, is, we take it, outside the category of inspiration. As instinct is to the animal nature such is inspiration to the higher faculties of the soul in man. It is not voluntary. It is not on tap at our command.

If the labor is such as to be achieved by the steps of steady toil and perseverance it is a voluntary fabrication. It is not inspirational.

It suggests the idea embodied in the doctrine of Logos, that it is an appearance to beings who have something of a divine spirit within them, of a yet diviner spirit without and beyond them, leading them to the most divine of all, which embraces them both. It is of great moment that we shall believe in genuine inspiration. But what is the test of the genuine article? That only is inspired which communicates inspiration, to you or to me. That which lifts us, that warms the heart, quickens the reason, leads us to better life, better work.

But along side of the genuine there is a "counterfeit presentment." A large volume of books and writings, have, for certain reasons, been declared "inspired." Their inspiration has been imputed by church councils, one of the business tricks of priestcraft—to hoodwink and overawe the humble minds, and to impose their authority. It was one means of overcoming the poor and unprivileged.

The Hebrew Scriptures have been called the "Word of God," but how much is there in this phrase? It is to be left now to individual opinion.

A thousand years, at least, was consumed in the compilation of the Old Testament; about fifteen hundred years in making the New Testament, as a canon of Scripture. The arrangement of these writings was made under great difficulties. Books were let in and thrown out without critical or philosophical reason. For more than one hundred and fifty years there was no New Testament whatever. There was no collection of Christian writings, as distinct from Jewish, until several hundred years had elapsed after the death of Jesus. Can we believe that books thus collected, thus precariously preserved and loosely grouped, thus left apparently at the mercy of ignorance, dogmatism, partisanship, sectarianism, jealousy and passion, were dictated by this Divine Spirit? That they were so pervaded and controlled as to contain nothing but truth? Such a supposition is astonishing. Then we must remember that the dogma of "inspiration" was only lately adopted by the church. The early controversies ran on themes such as "redemption," the true "nature of Christ," "trinity," "depravity of man," issues of the hereafter and of eternity. The Doctrine of the Inspiration of the Scriptures came after others were disposed of.

Even on moral and religious themes it is not in agreement with itself. As O. B. Fotheringham and other scholars have shown there is no consent of doctrine; there is no sympathy of sentiment; there is no uniform law or promise or gospel.

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## AT LILY DALE.

Miss Lotta Cheney has gone to Dunkirk to spend the winter.

Thomas Skidmore has returned from another trip to Monterey, Pa.

Cass Carroll has been home a few days but will soon be on the go again.

Mr. Lugent, who has moved to Dunkirk, was at the Dale Thanksgiving Day.

Already several of the ice men are here to help harvest the ice crop which is quite extensive every winter.

All of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Todd, who were away from home, came to the "home nest" to spend Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Oscar Skidmore has returned from her visit east and is again installed in her place as a member of the Skidmore family.

THE SUNFLOWER is about to attach a paper jogger to its large cylinder press; this machine will save a great many hours of work.

Ed Shults was here a few days; he has gone to LaPorte, Tex. Mrs. J. C. Shults and Mrs. Lucy Carroll also expect to go to LaPorte, Tex. soon.

Miss Ford and Mr. Thompson of Dunkirk and Mr. Ernest C. Wood of Kamloop, B. C. were the guests of Mrs. S. S. Lutes and daughter over Thanksgiving.

J. C. Scheu came from Buffalo, where he is attending school to spend Thanksgiving with his parents. He is getting along nicely with his studies which makes his schooling satisfactory to him.

Henry Skidmore was called to Hornellsville a couple of weeks ago account of the illness of his sister, Mrs. Martha Toles who is visiting there; she is very nearly well and expects to return home in a short time.

Mrs. H. D. Barrett will start for her home at Needham, near Boston, after having spent a few very pleasant weeks at Dr. Hyde's. Mrs. Barrett's health is greatly improved owing to the splendid medical assistance rendered by Dr. Hyde.

Mrs. E. Densmore and grand-daughter, Miss Emma Beebe, Mrs. Nellie Warren, Miss Nell Keenan, and Miss Amy Bradley have gone to Tallapoosa, Ga. for the winter. Letters received from members of the party say they are enjoying the beautiful city of Tallapoosa, situated in the mountains of Georgia, among the pine trees, with electric lights, water supply, etc., and the thermometer ranging from 50° to 68° each day.

The list of unclaimed and advertised letters at the Lily Dale post office are:

F. Hamilton, dead letter.  
J. E. Hett, " "

### Wife's Dream is Fulfilled.

E. W. Freeman, former postmaster of Kokomo, Ind., under Grant, probably sacrificed his life in attending a Democratic barbecue at Peru yesterday. Freeman, who recently came out for Bryan, was one of the speakers at the barbecue. At the close of his speech he was exhausted, and on reaching the cars to his home collapsed completely. He was brought home unconscious, in which condition he still remains, a victim of paralysis.

His wife dreamed he would be brought home dead or dying and urged him not to attend the barbecue. Believing that her dream would come true, she had in his absence prepared a room for his body and when the ambulance arrived with the inanimate form long before midnight, she was at the door to meet it.

"You need not tell me," she exclaimed to the surgeon: "I knew it long before you did."

—The Inter Ocean.

### Surgery in Old Pompeii.

A recent discovery in the excavations going on at Pompeii shows in a very striking way the truth of the old adage that there is nothing new under the sun, says the New York Times. The find consisted of a number of surgical instruments.

Among them was a collection for use in a special branch of surgery, which, with the exception of fine workmanship and finish, are almost exact duplicates of those now used by surgeons.

There is an instrument considered indispensable today by the gynecologist,

from the invention of which Marion Sims, the famous American surgeon, made a great deal of reputation and money some years ago, but this same speculum was in use in Pompeii in 79 A. D.

Most of the others, supposed to be the result of modern knowledge and ingenuity, were found in this first century surgeon's instrument case, and it is quite evident that, so far as instruments are concerned, this branch of surgery has been but little advanced during the last 2000 years.

## BUFFALO ITEMS.

Campbell Brothers held a very successful seance in the Temple Nov. 26.

The Rev. Moses Hull has gone to Oskosh, Wis. to attend the Wisconsin State Convention.

On Sunday, Nov. 25, Mr. C. L. Fell and Miss Mac A. Preston, of Conneaut, O., were joined in marriage by the Rev. Mrs. Catherine Lewis Chase, at the residence of Mrs. Chase, 241 E. Eagle St.

Charlotte Isted writes: "I like THE SUNFLOWER for several things: One is, its good type; another, you give the Buffalo news. I had the pleasure of attending the Temple meetings for five months and enjoyed it very much."

C. Hagen writes: "A reception was tendered to the Campbell Brothers on their return to Buffalo, Nov. 22, by Moses and Mattie Hull, at their residence, 72 York St."

A most enjoyable time was spent by those filling the parlors. The order of the evening was; an address of welcome to the brothers, excellent singing, and other music, speeches recitations and some original poems were read; in fact, a most enjoyable and instructive evening was spent by those present.

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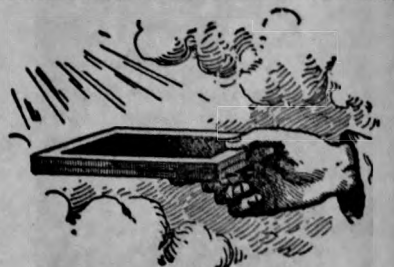
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Three or four years ago Prof. Barrett undertook a thorough investigation of the subject, collecting all the stores he could obtain regarding the use of a forked twig for the discovery of water and minerals, sifting them carefully, seeking such corroboration as might be available and planning experiments of his own. The first part of his report, which came out in 1898, cited 152 cases. The second furnishes many more, some of them having been conducted under Prof. Barrett's supervision. A third installment is promised and will deal largely with the hunt of metals with the divining rod.

In describing the operation of "dowsing," as this use of the forked witch hazel twig is locally called in England, Prof. Barrett says that the operator usually holds the Y by the prongs, so that the stem projects in front of him and inclines upward slightly. When the dowser passes a spot where water is supposed to exist, the twig rises to a vertical position, striking him on the breast. The dowser himself often appears exhausted by his effort, even complaining of sickness or giddiness and breaking into perspiration. These are so marked in instances that he discards the twig altogether and is guided by his sensations alone. During the operation the dowser fixes his attention on the tip of the twig and becomes oblivious to the world around him.

Eminent people, as well as those who are not conspicuous in public life in England, employ dowsers. Prof. Barrett includes Lords Salisbury and Lansdowne among their patrons. There are scores of professional dowsers in the United Kingdom, to say nothing of the Continental Europe, the United States and Canada. Amateurs also practice the art. In his first report Prof. Barrett pronounced fairly successful 140 of the 150 attempts recorded. Rejecting the experiments of amateurs, he gets 95 successful results out of 105 cases. In the second report he finds the proportion about the same, but he admits that dowsers may not report their failures so fully and frankly as their hits. Still, he does not estimate the failures at more than 10 to 15 per cent of the attempts.

Two sets of experiments have been tried with a view to ascertain the genuineness of the phenomenon. In one a second or third operator was taken over the same ground as the first, and the results of their divination were identical and successful. Some of the leading spirits in the Society for Physical Research, hold that when the ordinary senses are lulled to inactivity by sleep, natural or hypnotic, a few persons of a peculiar organization exhibit a power of perception and a susceptibility to influence which is unlike that experienced by other people or by the same people under other circumstances. Prof. Barrett regards this possession of a "supernormal" faculty the most satisfactory theory regarding the discovery of water with a witch hazel twig. He thinks that the successful operator is self-hypnotized by fixing his attention on the twig. He says: "This subconscious perceptive power, commonly called 'clairvoyance,' may provisionally be taken as the explanation of those successes of the dowser which are inexplicable on any grounds at present known to science."—*Baltimore Sun*.

## The Silvery Shore.

MRS. TRYPHENA C. PARDEE.

On the silvery shore,  
Of the blest Evermore,  
There are loved ones now waiting for me;  
And the final fixed hour,  
Beyond mortal power,  
Is the time when the meeting will be.

CHORUS—O, welcome the time when the  
silvery chime  
Of the bells on that beautiful shore,  
Shall proclaim the glad hour  
When we'll part nevermore  
Nevermore! no, no, nevermore!  
Then all mourning shall cease,  
And the lay of true peace,  
Shall resound o'er the bloom scented vales;  
And the sweet tones of love,  
Wherever we rove,  
Waft away on Eternity's gales.

CHORUS—O, welcome the time, etc.

Now the mists float away,  
And the break of that day,  
We may see on the brow of the sky;  
And the crimson and gold,  
Of glory untold,  
Fringe the chimes where we never can die.

CHORUS—O, welcome the time, etc.

## SOMETHING MORE ABOUT

MRS. PARDEE.

A Letter From Mrs. Tillinghast.

Editor of THE SUNFLOWER;—

"I want you to know just what printing Mrs. Pardee's letter in THE SUNFLOWER has done for her. She received over \$20.00 from strangers who read it and it will help to keep her out of the poorhouse. She wrote me that they had a new overseer of the poor there and that like most new brooms he wanted to prove his merits so he came to her to make arrangements to take her 'Over the hills to the poor house.'

The kindness of the readers of your paper enabled her to remain at home.

Sincerely, EMILY W. TILLINGHAST."

Now friends, we thank you for doing your share to keep a good sister out of the poorhouse. But have we done enough?

Here are the facts. Mrs. Pardee is now in her eighty-eighth year. In the regular course of human events she can not expect to remain on this side of the great divide but a few years—possibly but a few months. When we reach that age, life is more than ordinarily uncertain. She has done a great deal for the cause she loves so well. \$20.00 was very good; but it will not last very long during cold winter weather when it is necessary to have good, warm clothing and plenty of fuel.

We therefore suggest that the readers of THE SUNFLOWER form a fund to take care of Mrs. Pardee the balance of her life. It will not take much to do it and none of us will notice the small amount that will be required to fill it. Let us make Mrs. Tillinghast the custodian of it and we will gladden Mrs. Pardee's heart by making her a Christmas Present that will keep her in complete comfort at least for this winter.

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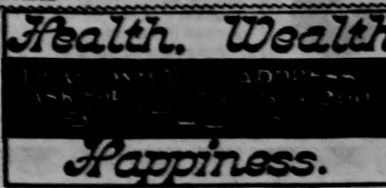
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When the second detachment of Jews was sent by order of Xerxes to Jerusalem to re-estate Hebrew civilization it was, doubtless, for political purpose; in order that the Persian King might have a bulwork against the enemies to the North and the South.

He sent Ezra, a learned scribe, a "Paramount Representative," to lead the returning exiles back to the old site. His policy was narrow, austere, despotic. Inter-marriages with the heathen people about, were forbidden, and he compelled the Jews on the soil of Palestine to put away their wives. The deed was arbitrary and cruel; it provoked fierce resentment, but it was necessary to the national policy, to revive the exclusive Jewish state. This was about 500 B. C. Ezra to complete his plans collected such fragments of Hebrew literature as existed and such as served his purpose and published what he called "The Law."

This collection he caused to be read to the people day by day throughout the festival. The tradition was started that this collection had been miraculously formed under super-natural guidance and super-natural authority sealed the work. (Compare Joseph-Smith, the copper tablets and the book of Mormon.)

About 30 years after Ezra passed away Nehemiah, a Jew of Susa, a zealot of high standing in the Persian court, followed Ezra and with a narrower purpose and a more austere will—for he was harsh and self-righteous—all the foreign wives must be put away. (You may read all about it in the Book of Nehemiah.) The sabbath shall be kept strictly. He added to the collection of scriptures and set it up as a great pillar of state; the Hebrew state.

Thus the Bible was formed in the interest of ecclesiasticism, what remained was policy, art, statemanship; the priest-craft was supreme! To rebuild the temple and to re-instate the church; to raise a bulwork against heresy, disbelief, disorder, criticism, etc., was the aim of these two men and it was duly accomplished for better or worse.

The collection was called "The Law." It was a mass of old writings, literary curios. Its inspiration planned and arranged, instituted for the protection of the Hebrew state.

The early Christians were Jews and Heretics—i. e. Spiritualists,—by race and tradition. They accepted the ancient prophecy of a Messiah and believed Jesus to be its realization.

St. John was a young Jewish Rabbi and accepted and taught the doctrine of the Messiah in the Synagogue. These early followers and converts of Jesus' doctrine, observed the Jewish customs, ceremonies, rites and even recited Jewish litanies. Gradually the writings of Paul along with others were brought in and used. Local collections and traditions were formed. To keep new notions and heresy at bay the scholars worked. But no attempt at collecting a set of Christian writings was attempted in the interest of the then "New Thought," i. e. the Religious ideas of Jesus. That was not needed until the coalition was made between Constantius and the Heathen Priesthood. They determined to hold Jesus as an idol before the people in order to continue their control over the poor, ignorant people. This was the year 332.

Constantine now undertook the sort

of work which Ezra and Nehemiah took in hand for the Persian monarch. He was going to establish a state, and organize a policy. He knew very well that a state without a church, a church without a priesthood, or a priesthood without a collection of scriptures were things unheard of. Then in the interest of his policy he issued orders for the formation of scriptures. A collection was made. There was no tribunal of judgment; no free scholarly class.

The middle ages elapsed and made no contribution of importance; some other attempts followed but not until the Council of Trent in 1545 when the doctrine of the inspiration of the Bible was agreed upon.

The Council of Trent was held to establish unity in the church. In union is strength. It was to raise a bulwark against the rising Protestantism. The Catholic dogmas were pulling to pieces; the Protestant revolt was spreading and the church was disintegrating. The first declaration of the sanctity and inspiration of the Bible was made by the Council as late as the middle of the 16 century and for the avowed purpose of

shoving up the tattering walls of the Catholic Church. No argument was given and no critical reasons were assigned.

The dogma of infallibility was declared the same way at a later date. It was simply a "thus sayeth" and no questions asked.

The Protestants felt the need of "authority," external authority, somewhere, so they declared the Bible collection to be inspired and infallible, but left it open to private judgment to interpret. They flouted the Pope, the Council of Trent was nothing to them. They planted themselves upon the Bible. Luther was interested in "Justification by Faith" and he interpreted accordingly. What! the soul above the Scripture? This would not do.

The Reform Party led by John Calvin made a more systematic study and gave an "inspiration" but always in the interest of the church. It is a mistake to identify Protestant principle with "free inquiry" or "free thought." The authority of the Bible over the mind was the Protestant idea. They defended the dogma of Inspiration even to punctuation and throughout its translations.

There was no human element in it; the human reason must simply submit to the book.

Little by little the critical spirit of scholarship succeeded in breaking in and breaking down this imposition on humanity. The doctrine depends not on any rational grounds but upon grounds of ecclesiastical tradition and authority.

Thus the book is used to defend slavery and polygamy, capital punishment too. Is a scrap of Genesis any respectable argument?

As well argue to defend the crucifixion of Jesus. The Jews were conscientious so far; they thought his influence detrimental to Judaism. The Hindu priests and Confessors knew that the new Spiritualism was not consistent with their Lamaism and their control through the confessional. Look at the efforts toward rational elucidation by all reformers and scientists; they run against a wall called Scripture and are told that these important questions were settled thousands of years ago by decree; that they were wasting time, thought and energy. Only the morally resolute keep on and insist that the Divine quality of reason in man shall be heard and respected.

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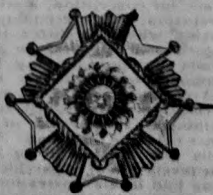
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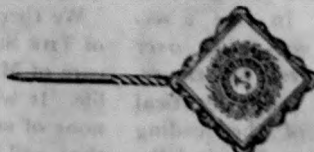
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### A Newsy Letter From

Estelle Fish Baillet.

Since my former article in your valuable paper I spent three weeks in Mohawk, at Lovejoy Hotel where I had two pleasant rooms, electric lights and all conveniences for my spiritual work.

In every place we go we find those who are interested in our work; also occasionally a medium. Mrs. S. Scofield called on me and being one of those wholesouled, earnest mediums asked permission to arrange a seance for me in her own parlors which I accepted and there I had the pleasure of meeting some of the "elite" of the town who, although influential in their separate churches, still, "on the quiet" enjoyed a seance as well as any of us. Mrs. Scofield, being a good clairvoyant, also assisted and it was my privilege to spend several evenings in this way.

I then returned to Herkimer where I am entertained in the home of my friends who are Spiritualists and whose early manifestations of the phenomena were independant messages, found in different rooms of the home; Bibles were opened and passages of Scripture marked entreating skeptics therein and messages asking "how do you believe," and physical manifestations such as flowers brought, gold rings and articles of value. Table leaves were taken from a large extension table and piled up in the opposite corner of the room.

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I leave here Wednesday to visit my newly found cousin and his family in Syracuse to spend Sunday with our veteran worker, Mrs. Myra Paine. Monday I go to Rochester, N. Y., where the heirs of my late uncle, Daniel W. Fish have been summoned; from there possibly to Buffalo and may take a run down to my home at Lily Dale for a few days only.

Herkimer, N. Y., Nov. 26.

Truth is health; error is disease.

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## Spirit Message Department

CONDUCTED BY

J. Corden White.

Phillip Daniels.

I want to reach my nephew, Jacob Lentz, of Kenton, Ohio. He will be glad to know that I am often with Annie and she and I send greetings to Jake, Annie and Willie. We see your friend, Adam Leffert, and he wants his old friends to think of him as only gone before. I want my nephew to hold on to Birmingham matters and if you do you will find you can drop the interest you are now in and have enough to take you on through life.

Gus Phillips.

Through these columns I want to reach my wife, Lottie Phillips, at St. Louis, Mo. I know she will be pleased to hear from us all. Her sisters Lena and Carrie, also her brother Carl, are with me and we want to cheer her up. I am often with the boys at 17 and can look back over the past of our lives and see all the sunshine you brought into my life and shall be content to wait for you. Give our boys my love, also my friends.

Andrew J. Bradley.

I hardly know as I will be welcome but will try and reach those in life who will know and understand. I have not been long here and I took matters into my own hands and made the journey and yet I do not know why I did so. I have tried so hard to find my son Fred. I can not see my son yet. I have tried so hard to find him, but my wife, Jennie, and my son Harrie, I see in the home at Hickory Corners, Mich. I was conscious when my body was placed on the board. Dear old Don, came in and seemed to be content to remain by my old body. I want to send this word to them that now there is such sad conditions it would be just as well to sell the farm.

Isaac and Sarah Malcomber.

We come to greet our dear ones who are still upon the earth plane. When they see it, and know that father and mother are doing all that is possible to reach them through each and every channel, we can. Our child, Clara, is with us and the other friends who have come to this life and want to be recognized from the spirit side, so we shall be patient until the work of earth is complete then we will be glad to receive you.

Verifications.

In one of our home circles, the last of September, I asked my daughter Flossie if any of our relatives could send us a communication through F. Corden White to THE SUNFLOWER. She wrote they could and would. The next sitting she said they had sent a communication and it would be in the 15th of October issue; it was not in that paper. I asked the reason why it was not and they said it was delayed in getting to you. It was in the next paper, November 1st. I asked for this communication as a test. Josephine Shank is my mother, Flossie is my daughter and Elsie is my niece. I sincerely thank you also Mr. White.

CHARLES J. SHANK.

Auburn, N. Y.

In last issue of your paper is a message from Josiah and Sophia Lewis to Jacob and Vina Harned and I want to tell you that I am and was acquainted with each and every one mentioned in the message.

ISAAC W. SKELTON.

Edinboro, Pa.

In your issue of September 15th is a message from my mother Catharine Coston. It is correct with the exception of the last name, William, which should be Coston.

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The life of man's too short to scan  
The ills of life alone—  
I'd fill my span, from the mingled plan,  
Of midnight, day and morning,  
I'd give doubts to some, and light to all,  
And mingle wintry weather.  
The De'il may take a worthy part  
And show a kindly human heart  
For those in sin who've fallen in,  
By stumblings he has given them.  
Does God do more from his own store  
Bestowed to ransomed sinners?  
I take it not, and so have lot,  
With saints and De'il's, sinning Neils,  
Who're loving, simple, human.  
The grey of dawn, when lights begin,  
Bestows the noontide blessing;  
The grey of eve, when night's arrived,  
Bestows the midnight darkness.  
Alike on all who've nature's call,  
The blessing comes with either,  
The midnight dark, the morning grey,  
The noontide with its splendor.  
In cheering hearts I've taken part,  
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And simply say I'm human.  
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And finding hells for sinners,  
The rest is left for you and I,  
Of every kind and color,  
With smutty hands and sweaty brow,  
We'll forge the ways of winning  
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For all who're walking blindly  
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## EXCAVATIONS AND EXPLORATIONS.

November 15 we presented the second of a series of articles on the explorations of the mounds, monuments, etc., left by prehistoric races.

Many ask, "Of what benefit is this line of research? What good does it do humanity?" The reasons for such work are manifold. For many centuries we have been told in a desultory way of the vast nations who have preceded and for centuries all the information we had on them was that derived from Josephus and the Bible.

To quote Josephus as authority for a biblical statement was equivalent to quoting Josephus to prove Josephus while the Bible maintained the same position towards Josephus.

It was therefore a great step in advance when scholars learned to decipher the monuments of Egypt and to read the history of the rise and fall of prehistoric Nations by the relics they have left in their mounds and cemeteries.

These excavations throw a great light upon historical topics. The Egyptian monuments, written upon in cuneiform characters, tell a story of life that is far back of any records that have been retained by man. The 6000 year old Earth is but an infant compared with the Earth shown to us by these relics. The story of man's fall from a perfect state crumbles to dust before the evidences presented to us that the human family was the result of a slow growth from cruder to more perfect forms and from a crude mathematical and mechanical knowledge to a higher one.

So far as religion is concerned, it disproves any and all of the claims of revealed religion as expressed in the Christian Bible. Even Prof. Sayce, the great Egyptologist and Maspero, the still greater Assyrian explorer, admit that the monuments as found do not tend to throw any great credit upon the Bible as a historic book. Then if the historical is not correct, why should we feel it incumbent upon us to accept the prophetic which no one can prove or disprove? We may, as do these worthy gentlemen, take refuge in the statement that "because they have not been found is no reason they will not be." This is logic, but we are watching for that evidence.

In the meantime THE SUNFLOWER will continue to give the world the result of these explorations and will try to keep its readers posted on all topics pertaining to the Progressive and Religious Thought of the world.

## BIG BIBLE STORIES VOL. II.

In another column will be found an announcement of the second volume of "Big Bible Stories." There has been

such a demand for another installment that I have decided to write them, publish them in THE SUNFLOWER, then issue them in book form. The publication will begin about January 1st and will continue at intervals until the second volume, about the size of the first, will be completed.

In making this announcement I sincerely thank the Spiritualists and Liberals for their liberal patronage of Vol. I and promise them something equally as good in Vol. II.

W. H. BACH.

## THE CHRISTS OF THE PAST AND PRESENT.

Moses Hull has rewritten and enlarged his pamphlet, "Jesus and The Mediums," and under the above title it is now in the hands of THE SUNFLOWER for publication. It will be ready in December. Price 25 cents. As "Jesus and The Mediums" has been such a favorite, no comments are necessary on this revised edition.

## WHO WILL TAKE THEIR PLACES.

Glancing over the Spiritualist papers one can not help being appalled at the high mortality that is taking place among the old workers for Spiritualism. It is not strange for the greater portion of the active workers of the present day are those who have passed the meridian of life and have been in the harness for a great many years.

In a recent number of the *Banner of Light* we noticed the obituary notices of Mrs. F. C. Stinehart, Mrs. S. A. Burtis, Charles W. Sullivan and Giles B. Stebbins. The record for the past year has been enormous and again we ask the question: "Who is going to take their places?"

It is important that Spiritualists should look this matter squarely in the face and see if they are doing their duty by their children in not sustaining Lyceums and interesting their children in the movement they espouse.

## MISSIONARIES TO THE CHRISTIANS.

The pendulum of time swings slowly, but it swings eternally. No use to attempt to deny its existence or power, for in time it will swing to the end, and then it will begin to have a return motion. What does this mean? Just this. For centuries we have been propagating the Christian religion. We have sent millions of money and thousands of human beings, many of whom have been sacrificed on the altar of superstition, and yet we have failed to make any great inroads upon the "heathen." The poor fellows, so "ignorant" that they could not appreciate the benign "love" resulting from sacrifices, animal and human, did not accept the dogmas presented to them, and, in many cases, licked their chops after absorbing the body of the missionary as a sort of "Lord's Supper."

But the long swing of the pendulum has about reached the end. In fact, it can be said to have begun its backward swing for the "heathen" are now sending missionaries into this country to convert the Christians to Heathenism; quite successfully too.

The Buddhists are among the latest to make this move. Their literature is being translated into English and soon it will be possible to purchase, or possibly they will give away, any of the great religious books of the Buddhists.

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Yes, "Heathen" missionaries are coming to convert the Christian from his barbarism, from inventing instruments to kill thousands at a blow to trying something better.

We welcome these missionaries. If they have anything better than we have, let us get it, and we hope there will not be a relic of our barbarism shown by treating them the same way as China has treated our missionaries although in this enlightened civilization we tremble for the poor missionaries of Buddha.

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Margaret Gaule is meeting with great success at The Tuxedo, New York City.

E. W. Sprague's address for December will be 605 N. Seventh Street, Philadelphia, Penn.

Mrs. Lizzie Brewer is engaged with the First Spiritualist Society, of Syracuse, N. Y. She will remain some time and can be addressed at 137 Jefferson Street, East.

Mrs. Nellie S. Baade has been filling an engagement with the Spiritualists of Mecosta, Mich. As a result a promising society has been organized with Charles Hinman, President; Mrs. E. J. Roe, secretary.

Dr. George A. Fuller has in press a work on the "Mysteries of the Ages." We predict that this work will be very interesting and have an extensive sale. It can be had at this office as soon as ready for sale.

Mrs. R. S. Lillie delivered a lecture for the Spiritual Alliance at St. Paul, Minn., the subject being: "From God to Man, in the meaning of Spiritualism." It was well received and the closest attention of the audience was given the speaker.

The Independent Association of Spiritualists, of Toledo, O. wish to correspond with first class speakers and mediums who can hold large audiences. No speakers engaged after January 1, Address, Henry Lynch, 132 Illinois St., Toledo, O.

Dr. Louis H. Freedman has been at Erie, Pa., for some time located at the Moore House. He has recently been arrested for practicing in violation of the "doctor's law." He is an active member of the Healers Protective Association and it is hoped a test can be made.

May F. Ayres, Secretary of the Michigan State Spiritualist Association can be addressed 606 Bristol Street, West Saginaw, Mich., which will be her future home. Speakers and mediums who wish places on the program of the Mid-Winter Meeting should write her at the above address.

The third excursion by water for Florida will sail December 14, from New York and the fourth one will sail December 28. Write to H. A. Buddingham, 91 Sherman St., Springfield, Mass. for full particulars enclosing four cents in stamps for postage on circulars and folders.

A German Spiritualist Society has been formed at Cleveland, O., with Mrs. Elizabeth Schauss as speaker. There is room for a number of these societies among our foreign born citizens. Our German Society should send to Max Gentzke, West Point, Neb. and get copies of *Lichtstrahlen* for circulation. It is a German Spiritualist paper.

The Berkley Hall Society in Boston has removed the ten cent admission at the door and has sold seats for the season as a means of raising revenue to meet the expenses of the meetings. This permits strangers to enter freely which will be of inestimable benefit to Spiritualism when it becomes general.

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In the Philippines the parting benediction is bestowed in the form of rubbing one's friend's face with one's hand.

The German "lebe-wohl" is not particularly sympathetic in its sound, but it is less embarrassing to those it speeds than the Hindoo's performance, who, when you go from him, falls in the dust at your feet.

The Fiji Islanders cross two red feathers. The natives of New Guinea exchange chocolate. The Burmese bend low and say "Hib! Hib!"

The "Auf wiedersehen" of the Austrians is the most feeling expression of farewell.

The Cuban would consider his good-bye anything but a cordial one unless he was given a good cigar. The South Sea Islanders rattle each other's whale teeth necklace.

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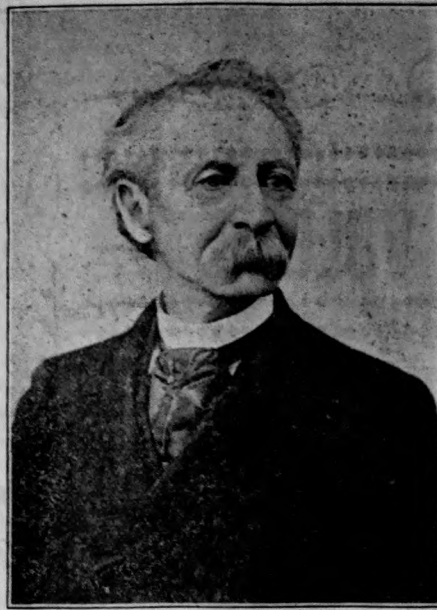
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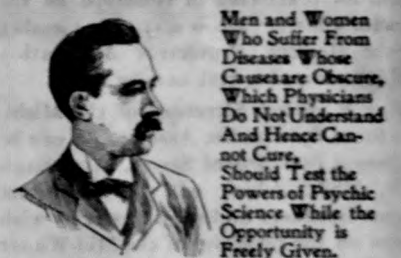
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Of course, under our industrial conditions, it is inevitable that a few, a very few men, will find money coming to them far beyond their wants. There are men who have millions and who continue to pursue money-making only to collect more millions for hoarding. That is, as I have said, a very different thing from thrift and the making of a modest competence. The accumulation of millions of dollars is usually the result of enterprise and judgment, and some exceptional ability for organization. It does not come from savings in the ordinary sense of that word. Men, who in old age strive only to increase their already too great hoards are usually slaves of the habit of hoarding formed in their youth. At first they own the money they have made and saved. Later in life the money owns them, and they cannot help themselves, so overpowering is the habit, either for good or evil.

It is the abuse of the civilized saving instinct, and not its use, that produces this class of men. No one need be afraid of falling a victim of this abuse of the habit, if he always bears in mind that whatever surplus wealth may come to him is to be regarded as a sacred trust, which he is to be regarded as a sacred trust, which he is to be regarded as a sacred trust, which he is to be regarded as a sacred trust.

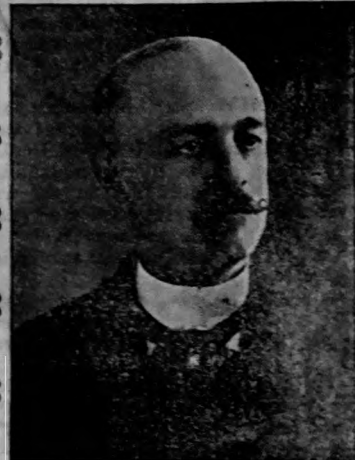
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