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Why is it that some people are fortunate and others unfortunate? There must be a cause for it, for without a cause there can be no effect. That there is a cause for everything, whether it is a shower of rain, a noted event or a war, there can be no doubt.

At the time of the war of the United States with Spain, the evil planet Saturn was in conjunction with Uranus in Sagittarius, the sign which rules Spain, and in opposition to Neptune in Gemini, the sign ruling the United States; this was an evil aspect, which caused the war with Spain.

At present Uranus and Jupiter are in Sagittarius, the sign of religion, reform, war, etc., thus exciting the laboring classes to revolutions, strikes and other changes along with great excitement during the Presidential election.

Jupiter, the ruler of the Republican party, is in Sagittarius, its own house, and Saturn, ruler of the democrats is in Capricorn, its own house, shows that both planets are strong at the present time; but Jupiter is stronger than Saturn, and is in favor of the Republicans. Mr. McKinley will be our next president and in 1908 and 1912 the socialist and labor parties will be the ruling power over the world, causing great changes in the present government and religious affairs. In 1905, Uranus will be in direct opposition to Neptune, the mysterious spiritual planet.

The influence of these two planets will cause tidal waves, earthquakes and a great change in religious, social and political affairs all over the civilized world. The present religion will undergo a radical change, it will become a universal religion, it will be brought about through the phenomena of Spiritualism and the occult sciences.

In 1912 the great occult planet Uranus will enter its own house, the sign of Aquarius. The nature of this sign and Uranus is favorable to the laboring classes. The sign of Aquarius will thus take the place of the sign Pisces, ruled by Jupiter, this latter sign having ruled for the last 2000 years, under the power of Jupiter. The nature of Uranus is to tear down to build up better and its influence causes reform and great changes in social, religious and political affairs. The year 1912 may be reckoned as the beginning of the sub-cycle Millennium, the sign Aquarius ruling 1000 years.

The end of the year 1900 will open up the prophetic events which Daniel told us was to precede the coming of Christ. But as "no man knoweth the hour" of Christ's coming, we can only refer to the year as nearly as possible. Christ came nearly 2000 years ago, but now the time is close upon us for another great reformer.

The great conjunction of the planets upon December 3rd 1899, greatly excited the world, for it was feared that so many planets conjoined on one side of the sun, and the earth on the other, might produce mighty internal disturbances, great earthquakes, etc., as this position has never hitherto been known.

According to the Occult Science of Astrology, the conjunction of the planets signifies the coming of a great world reformer in the United States, who will make his appearance within the next few years.

The world reformer will be a Spiritualist. The spiritual perception of this man and his understanding of cause and effect will be so clear, so irresistibly correct and perfect, that he will make clear in plain every day language what is now veiled in so many arbitrary word of no

meaning and by radiating such soul-force as will almost instantly open the understanding of his hearers.

He will be the herald of the dawn of the reconstruction of society, and the establishment of celestial government on earth. He shall become known as the divine messenger through whom cometh heaven's mandates unto the people.

The second coming of Christ has been prophesied from many sources, but Christ himself will not appear, it is the Christ within one's self, which will be brought about through the work of the great world reformer aided by favorable planetary influences.

There are many more wonderful things written in the stars but only a little at a time can be given to the public.

NOTE. This article has been in our hands for some time, but has not been used on account of lack of space. The calculations were therefore made before any of the dates mentioned.—Ed.

AN INSPIRATIONAL WRITING.

By MARY E. CLARK.

In explaining the passing out of Earth life into spiritual, so that the physical understanding may grasp the knowledge as a science it must be handed down to the Earth mortal through the instrumentality of some one already in spirit life.

As you live here so it shall be in the hereafter, to this extent. God giveth of his talent to all and according to their work shall He know them. If we cultivate an aspiring wisdom and ambition in Earth life so accurate and build up for ourselves that which will not rust or mold or that which none can take from us; it will be wisdom not only necessary for a successful career in Earth life, but will enable us to go into the spirit world with the foundation laid to build up under God's teaching, the spiritual knowledge.

Although the Earth or physical education really affords us no material use in the spirit world only as we are chosen by the Divine Father to separate some part of His Divine kingdom, if anyone after passing into the spirit life is allowed to return to do that in the spiritual way which they excelled in while in Earth life, it is through some medium whom God has Divinely given the ability to receive it in a known way that he or she is capable to reproduce to the physical eyes of Earth friends that which was their vocation in Earth life.

To a trance medium, as the physical body gives up its control to the spirit the strength of the physical mind is relieved from any duty and lays dormant and is unconscious until the spirit has finished his or her portion of the power and ability to show what may be returned of earthly education and also what they have acquired by work or gifts from higher powers.

There are mediators, teachers and missionaries in every sphere in heaven. Don't, my dear friends, try to convince yourselves or others that heaven is all one chaotic state for that is not right. There are as many degrees of spirits in the spirit world as among Earth mortals. It is not every one in the spirit world that can obtain the position of guide or control to an Earthly medium, although any may be privileged to return to their friends to make themselves known and deliver messages, yet many of them may have obtained very few of spiritual advantages, not having been given the gifts that many have, or endowed with the knowledge of the future.

When this is given to the medium, it is that gift of the prophetic foretelling or of gift of finer instinct of magnetism; that which would enable the medium to give psychometrical readings or to produce magnetism combined with spirit power to do magnetic healing or to give to the eyes and ears of skeptical people the pleasure of seeing or listening to the spirit controlling the physical, that which the spirit excelled in when in Earth life. The Earth and physical need much, the spiritual hath much and the Divine Power giveth it all.

Christmas.

A. D. Haines.

The Christmas day again is here, The one glad day of all the year, And from your busy work you pause, To pay respect to Santa Claus. And in your joy you all are quick To pay due honor to St. Nick. I love to see you in your joys, But I've come here to honor boys. And boys are very funny things, That go on legs and have no wings; And to describe I never can, A thing between a babe and man. He only has one suit of clothes, And shoes that often show his toes, His clothes are seldom known to fit; He'd be a subject for a wit.

His coat and pants are made so strong, With legs and arms two sizes long. The color of a grayish sort, Before worn and two sizes short. His sister many colors wear, Dressed like a doll I do declare; No wonder she looks clean and sweet Her clothing is so very neat.

With his grey clothes he is content, His mind on other things is bent. He never has to primp for style, But he keeps growing all the while. Never knows of hoops or bustle, Stylish things with which girls tussle; He'd be in a hideous plight, With shoulders pulled way out of sight.

But in boy's fun he's in a whirl, And always glad he's not a girl; So many boys are in the race, To my bill-boys I give this space. I do delight to honor them, And sometimes dip a flowing pen, For in my round I've forty score, Each time I come I'm adding more.

When a boy comes up to join my class, I sometimes scan him with a glass; Reflect a light into his eye, To see if honor I can spy. And some are rich and some are poor, But of a job they are quite sure. Each boy soon learns it is the rule, To only work just after school.

When we start out to do our work, But few there are who try to shirk, For work to them is more than play, If it affords a little pay.

I sometimes send a boy alone, In this way best is honor shone. And sometimes we his trail retrace, Sometimes the boy is in disgrace.

Poor boy, he's sadly in disgrace, Regret is showing on his face, I take this time his way to mend, And oftentimes make that boy a friend. I place high honor as his aim, And trickery in a place of shame, I try to make him understand That trust with honor crowns a man.

We oftentimes stop along the way, "To catch our breath" I sometimes say, Before we take our onward start, I've tried some lesson to impart. I urge them all to go to school, To never be a village fool, I stimulate them all I can, To help a boy to be a man.

Then on we go, my bills they pass, But soon they have outgrown my class, And younger boys can fill the bill, And in comes Guy and Fred and Will. And years roll on, but weeks they seem, An old man's form is in my dream, His hair like snow, a wicked face, Returns again to see this place.

I see him wandering through the streets, He knows no living soul he meets, He thought the scenes would make him glad Alas! forgotten makes him sad. But soon he meets a stalworth man, Who kindly takes him by the hand, His cup of joy begins to fill, As up comes Guy and Fred and Will.

A kind reception is at hand, The boy that was is now a man. The men that were, are very old, The boys the place of honor hold. It fills the old man's heart with joy, As he beholds a farmer boy, They scarce can for the other wait, Each has a story to relate.

They call to mind the little glass, The day they come to join my class, Reflecting light into the eye To see if honor I could spy. We knew the spots along the way, We stopped for breath you used to say, You urged us all to go to school, To never be the village fool.

They call to mind the very place Where some small boy was in disgrace; You pointed honor as his aim, Regretted at his lack of shame. Disgrace was burning on his face, Another boy should fill his place, Disgraced and left was not the plan, To help a boy to be a man.

The boy was kept to fill his place, A bright hope gleaming in his face; Today he takes me by the hand, He hears the honor of a man. The old man homeward turns to go, This one glad truth they make him know, And saying thus they grasp his hand; "Sir, you helped me to be a man."

Somehow tears will overflow; He clung to me and let them grow, But they are only tears of joy, The seed was kindness to a boy. My story now has reached the end, I lay aside a flowing pen, Methinks I hear a boy repeat: "O, give me something good to eat."

Well come up boys and have your fill, I love your happy hearts to thrill, I count it first as earthly joys, To thus show honor to my boys. And boys when you are grown to men, I pray you kindness to extend: Try to adopt some worthy plan, To help a boy to be a man.

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THE INEVITABLE.

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in this wide universe there is no place for the blue blood aristocracy of the skies. But we still hear men speak of the "Court of Heaven," "angels," "the Throne of God," but they do not stand for anything real any more. They are creations of the imaginations and nothing more. Theology is reaching the stage of the poetical. The Christian architecture of heaven is being remodeled, and the old mansions of God are torn down and the gates of heaven and hell are lost since the coming of the great and wonderful science of astronomy. The saints and deities of the Christian ages are joining the ancient myths—passing to their true places—entering the halls of primitive fiction created by man in the crude and grotesque beginning of human thought.

The faiths of the world are passing the natural way to eternal repose and innocuous desuetude. Harmless as the myths of faded nations and as dead as the brains of the simple people starting them on their way.

The evolution of science—the inevitable growth of knowledge of the phenomena of nature is just the breaking away of the darkness of the morning; the stars of superstition fade one by one, till reason, the God-like, like sun of day, devours the night and brings to light and life the wondrous carpet of the world and things and images and truth stand forth and fill the brain and heart with joy and hope that all the horrid dreams of the cruel and barbaric night are but dreams and foolish tortures of a frenzied and infant brain.

Science is the inevitable savior of the race.

With the genesis of knowledge come other forces that will alter the condition of the social world. Is this the best state we can think of for man? Has superstition done anything for the elevation of the human race?

Christianity never attempted to improve temporal or social conditions of the people. Christianity has been the instrument and child of evil government since its first introduction to the Roman world. Morality was enjoined that the property of the rich might be safe from robbery and spoliation; duty to governmental authority was enjoined and popular revelation made sinful. An enemy of the corrupt government was an enemy of God; God has always been with the hand holding the scepter of authority. The poor have been the slaves and down trodden of the world. The problem of social progress and liberty have been left to free minds to advance. Liberty kills superstition and ends the life of political injustice. The real and true emancipation of man can only be attained when all the priests are driven from the earth and all religious dogmas burned in the furnace of human folly, then intellect will have a chance and the real evolution of mental awakening for the people begin.

Woman is coming—is coming to take her place—this mother of the race, so long despised and trampled under the feet of church and man, she is coming to build better than her Lord. She, with education and experience, will bring salutary power into the home and political life of the world. Today she is the daughter of religion. Her sensitive, poetical temperament is creative of ideals; reason is not critical, yet, with her, but she is coming. Four hundred years ago she was a chattel in the home; today she claims equality of rights and opportunity with man. There is something great in this step she is taking in the closing hours of the nineteenth century. Science is working for her. The power of heredity is beginning to be studied, the qualifying power of environment known in its effect upon the offspring. The fact uttered by Lamartine, "that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," in the full extent not yet, but coming to be attained before these many years have gone. Is it not true that woman is the power in the church? She attends prayer, she listens to sermons, she gives of her substance, she devotes herself to charities; woman is the power in the church and the angel of the home. In a little while she will be in the pulpit. The man in the pulpit will go; he will find other pastures in which to feed; the last tune of theology will be played by woman; the last prayer to Christ will be uttered by woman; the last mass ever said on this earth will be said by woman; and then after—woman freed, the earth is a paradise. Liberty has won its victory. Despotism is dead and buried. The intellect of man delighted with nature. Nature the soul authority of law, beauty, taste and art.

Then will come the recognition of society and the perfect mother and the perfect father and the perfect child. The concentrated energy of the race will be directed to make this life good and true; to banish poverty and wrong; to ennoble all men and women, to banish the fear of want, that love and brotherhood so feeble today to perfect that neppure will man enroach on the rights and peace and good of his brother man. This is the glorious end of the law of evolution of social progress when the false power of heaven is death and reason sways the force of human conduct.

I think I can scent coming o'er the tops of time the first note of that future harmony. The finger tips of the inevitable are seen on earth and sky. Law rules the coming and going of all natural phenomena. There is not a spot on the surface of this world where the God of Cardinal Gibbons can put down his finger tips and disarrange the order of events. Divine Will is excluded from the operation of the process of nature. The atomic law of affinity, equation and correlation is paramount and unchangeable. Natural law is unassailable to the hand of man, and it is adamant in the face of Divine Will. The laws of nature are eternal and supreme. The inevitable is law—man is going forward to his order of progress. He cannot go to the right or to the left; he must follow the law of his being and his capacity will be changed as his environment is changed. Slowly he will advance to the best and happiest conditions of life and truth.

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The tragic history of the past contains many epoch events that stand like chapter marks of progress. We are not where we used to be. We have got to fight some battles over again. We have settled some of the rights of man. We have moved from the brain of man some beliefs. We can see that a condition of betterment has come to the people. The luxuriant polytheism of the ancient is gone. The heavens were the abode of gods, but the places are not any more and the gods are dead. Veritable gods in their day to whom man paid his obligations. There still remains with us that absurd teaching that belief in the bloody atonement made for sin by the death of the Lord Jesus Christ. The faith is taught yet that God will damn the creature for unbelief; belief is necessary to salvation. This is God's truth yet, but how false.

God coming down to earth to be born of a virgin—the whole operation, the conditions of birth are all so absurd so childishly insane, that were the conditions of thought not so serious one could hardly help laughing aloud. This is a wonderful universe. Astronomers tell us that before the object glass of the Lick Telescope in one hour pass more than three million stars. What an unthinkable universe. But away back there in Judea 2000 years ago a little boy was born and laid in a manger and worshipped as a savior of the world by three wise men from the East who had been directed to where the child lay by a star. This little boy grew to be a carpenter. He came from heaven, from his palace in the skies, to save from sin—this boy was the maker of all these worlds that are seen through the Lick Telescope, and the unchangeable millions of worlds besides. Think of it—think of it—millions believe this story. Do you wonder while people can believe this story that they will make McKinley, the President of the United States?

Absurd as all this is, it was the product of mental conditions through which the people had to pass to get to the age of reason and science. The intellectual powers had to come to a more developed state before the true aspect of nature could be recognized and known. For ages man grappled with the phenomena of nature from a method of reasoning that only led him to deeper conditions of mystery and philosophical confusion. The scientific method saved the thinking of Europe and it will precipitate a grander era than has as yet been seen on earth. Look at what has been wrought by science since the dawn of the sixteenth century. That era closes the supremacy of the metaphysical method. The dreams of the pantheists and dogmatists came to an end.

The sciences were prosecuted with energy; from the bed of superstition sprang the new astronomy and chemistry to revolutionize the whole habits and belief of man. The perceptive faculties were used to obtain facts. The deductive yielded to the inductive method, and inventions and improvements followed in the wake of the new style of thinking. The church battled for the old, the dreams and the illusions of the past. Political and ruling power stood agast in the new creations of thought and progress, and hardly shared in the spirit of the age until the French Revolution and American Revolution taught the representatives of the past that the new times and the new ideas had come and the social world as well as the theological world was being reshaped. The mechanical arts and science and literature and all the graceful forms of civilization developed. Man became the great beneficiary of all this. It was seen in the rise of the great cities. The progress in education and the increased comforts of the masses. Science was the author of general improvement. What did it all mean? The man had been before living in bogus dreams of the felicity and glory of a heavenly kingdom—a future life, but reason had brought forth science; attention had been turned to the operations of nature, and man had thus been awakened to the grand reality and utility of life.

The inevitable is visible on the horizon—the eternal victory of reason and science. The victory of reason means the end of physical and mental and moral slavery—it means that the rights of man shall be respected and honored the world over. It means that we shall respect the superstition of other people. There was a time when nations could not come together. But the world is not large now when a ship can float in a few days o'er many seas. Before the time of steamships and railways nations were far apart. Their relations were few and difficult. The less they knew of one another and the more they hated each other. A wide river would divide a people in language and superstition. Another set of deities would prevail on one side of a mountain which were unknown to the people living on the other. The gods were tribal, the religions were racial.

And they were born in the differences of thought and ignorance of each other.

What a pitiable illusion has hold of America and Europe today as regards China. What moral right has Europe and America to force its way into China against the consent of the people? We in this country bar out the Chinaman; has not the Chinaman the same right to bar out the European and the American? If I were in China and a Chinaman I would be a Boxer—a Boxer—a patriot a lover and a defender of his country. I would try to drive every missionary out of China. Because China can take care of its own spiritual needs, the rest of the world cannot. China will absorb the fruits of world civilizations just in the order of her own evolution. In regard to China I would say to the Christian world, get out—hands off this great and wonderful people. A religious man who sets out to convert the world to his religion is a fool, a knave and a despot.

Science and reason are coming—the inevitable is always with us.

Science is a pure celestial maiden. I see her form above the hills of time. She sweeps the heavens with her light and beauty; she illuminates the world; she scatters seeds of good and plenty o'er the activities

and life of the world; she builds institutions of learning for all; the lines of nations she rubs out; she makes the world one great loving prosperous people; she tumbles into dust the throne of despots; she levels to the earth all the monopolists of trade; she sails o'er hill tops of the new era; her wand awakens a sleeping world; superstitions die at her wondrous touch; priests and despots flee before her splendid light; the earth rejoices that the blight of religion is lifted forever and the green hills rejoice and yield their plenty.

Knowledge has made man free, reason has slain authority; right reigns. On hill and spire; on tower and parapet; in the cot and the hall, science reigns—Science and Reason are the inevitable victors of the world.

The Cause in England.

By ALFRED KITSON,
Sec'y of the B. S. L. Union.

The old year the last year of the Nineteenth Century is fast drawing to a close. Soon the historian will be at work summing the gains and losses to humanity that have been made within the period that it comprises.

What a Herculean task it will be. Social, political, moral, religious, mechanical, the arts and sciences, are all fraught with wonderful records, splendid achievements for the common good of humanity. The old landmarks have been left far behind in some of these departments, and the process of evolution and reformation is still in progress.

But the greatest advancement made is perhaps, to be found in the spiritual domain, the study of man's psychic nature, powers and possibilities. The revelations made in this branch of knowledge have exercised a marvelous influence over all walks of life. The politician, the mechanic, the artist, the scientist and the theologian have all felt its touch causing them to be dissatisfied with the old order of things and pray and labor for other systems, other methods that were in harmony with the highest needs and aspirations of humanity.

The touch of the Divine Soul has caused the dreadful conception of God and the after-life to undergo a radical change. It has tended to redeem humanity from the thalidom of superstitions and the galling chains of tradition that had bound man, body and soul for hundreds of years. The ministry of angels has been, and is, a veritable pean of glad tidings of great joy to the sorrowing hearts of humanity. And this is but the beginning, the end thereof no man can foretell.

But I must draw my reflections to a close and chronicle events that are of present day moment.

And let me add that the Cause still maintains its progressive characteristics. Seven societies have lately inaugurated Children's Progressive Lyceums in connection with their halls. Several of them have been enrolled members of the Union. I may say that twelve charters have been issued since the Conference held on the 13th of last May. Others purpose joining early in the New Year. We shall rest not, pause not, until each society has a Lyceum for the due instruction of its members' children.

The case at Middleborough I referred to in my last notes has turned out better than I had ventured to hope for. The society has ceased. Sold all its effects, as it could not meet with another suitable hall. But I am pleased to report that the old society has opened its doors for the children and re-formed its Lyceum. So there will be no break in their attendance.

I am pleased to be able to report that Mr. John Ainsworth and his offer of a Lyceum Home, at Blackpool, has finally been accepted by the Executives of the Lyceum Union. Funds are being collected to maintain the same. The home has been well patronized during the last season. There being more applications for admission than could be accommodated, which clearly shows such a home is greatly needed.

An interim Conference of the Spiritualist's National Federation is to be held at Blackpool on the 24th of February to deal with the draft copy of the Poll Deed. It has a somewhat bulky appearance of twenty folios. Its provisions are very comprehensive dealing with the Cause both present and prospective; and will no doubt give satisfaction to its promoters and the Spiritualists generally.

Another monthly has made its appearance, on the 1st of December, entitled *The Keystone*. Mr. T. O. Todd of Summerland is its Editor and publisher. Its aim is to place before the public the claims of Spiritualism free from all extraneous matter such as the ordinary kind of advertisements. It caters for young and old. The Lyceum children are especially provided. It has separate columns for the boys, girls and ladies. It has also a musical and an abstainer's column and a Lyceum Post Office. If vanity is an index to success *The Keystone* ought to become the most popular penny paper in England. We shall watch its career with deep interest.

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SUNDAY AND THE PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION.

As is to be expected, the people of Buffalo are now in the throes of "Shall the Pan-American be opened on Sunday?"

Every time a great exposition or library or other thing that is for the education of the people is about ready to open its doors, religious bigots are standing at the threshold trying to close its doors at the very time they should be opened.

Great libraries, immense parks, expositions of world wide fame, are gotten up by the people and their money is used to foster them. Chicago had to guarantee much money to bring the World's Fair to its doors. Buffalo had to become responsible for some \$10,000,000 to ensure the success of the Pan-American. Now a few ministers who think that their pockets will be lined by compelling the people to miss one day of the very few they can afford to spend in the Exposition City, are attempting to stop the opening of the gates on Sunday.

What was the result at Chicago? It does not require a very active memory to call attention to the fact that the churches were not benefitted to any great extent by the vast multitude of people who attended the World's Fair. No matter whether the Pan-American Gates are opened or not, the churches of Buffalo will not be the gainer to any great extent by the crowds who attended the Exposition.

Buffalo is admirably situated for these visitors to enjoy every moment of their time and while we hope the Directors will be cosmopolitan enough to open the gates every day between the opening and closing of the Exposition, we know that there will be sufficient points of interest to make the Sundays pass most pleasantly for visitors.

Buffalo has no very extensive parks as her park system is still in comparative infancy. But within an hour's ride on the electric cars can be found the greatest attraction of the world.

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Up and down the river banks are the gorge railroads and across the river are the dominions of the Queen where much of interest can be seen.

But in spite of all this, it is to be hoped that the Directors will not close the gates on Sunday. Thousands of workmen of Buffalo want to see the exposition. Sunday will be their day. It will educate them as nothing else could.

Most of all, we trust that the Directors will not be taken by the old threadbare plan of petitions. When petitions are presented bearing more names than the entire population of the state, as was the case at the World's Fair, the

dishonesty on the face of it should tend to open and not close the gates.

But if a sabbath is honored, which one will the Directors see fit to honor? Will they think for a moment of the other nations whom they have invited to take part? Will they remember that many of their exhibitors will be Jews and they, with the best of biblical authority, claim that Saturday is the sabbath. Will they think of the Mohammedans who keep Friday? Will they have such convenient memories as to forget that Thursday is the Egyptian sabbath? In fact, as we travel around the world, each day is observed as the sacred day of some country. Will they ignore the claims of all of these? They are our guests as a nation. We have invited them as a nation. Should we not show due respect to the sabbaths of all if to one and close the exposition all of the days? Just as much reason in one as the other.

A SANITARY BIBLE.

Among the latest relics of barbarism is a "sanitary Bible." It is no different from any other Bible except in the binding which is made of celluloid. This is in order that it can be washed after becoming so filthy through its use in court rooms where it is the custom to kiss the cover of the book when administering oaths.

When will Americans, with their boasted freedom from superstition, get intelligent enough to discard all such rites and absurd customs? What difference is there between the Chinaman who prays to his "joss" and fondly imagines that he is certain to tell the truth if he takes oath over the entrails of a chicken, a South Sea Islander who imagines that certain tattoo marks on his body will have a deterring effect on any evil spirit who wishes to forcibly dispossess him of his body or belongings, the Catholic who humbly crosses himself in front of the statue of the virgin Mary and the Christian who makes a fetish of the Bible?

Is it to be supposed that the people, more than two-thirds of whom do not attach any especial significance to the book, take any stock in the oath they make and the ceremony of kissing the book? Does anyone think that one-tenth of the people who enter these court rooms have any idea whether they are kissing the Bible or the Koran, the Book of Mormon or any other of the so-called sacred books?

Supposing the fear of punishment for perjury was removed, how many would tell the truth because they had sworn to on the Bible?

While from a sanitary point of view this is a step in advance, it is still a disgrace to American Courts that the old, obsolete form, that is nothing but a form, without any sense or reason for carrying it any further in this age of the world, is still tolerated.

Throw the Bibles out of the court rooms, sanitary Bibles and all, administer an oath under the laws and penalties for perjury; do away with the scapegoat features of Christianity so far as it applies to all matters pertaining to our government and all of its attributes; turn chaplains, who are paid out of the public purse, out of office; do away with all sectarian instruction in our public schools; close up the religious schools and compel children up to certain ages to receive a practical public school education; wipe all Sunday laws, as religious laws, off the statute books; make religion a voluntary affair without any forcible adjuncts; then and not 'till then will the world stand on a true foundation where it will be qualified to say and do as it pleases and the cause of true religion will be benefitted.

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FIRE AT LILY DALE.

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station at the fire. They were on a veranda across from the Hearn cottage and gallery. Had it not been for a canvas screen that was wet and placed between them and the fire, they could hardly have retained their position. As it was, their faces were burned and Robinson's trousers were so badly scorched that they fell to pieces. Several declined to go to this point saying they could not stand it. One man said to them: "It all depends on you, boys," which was true for if that building had caught fire a large three story building would have been the next to go and a dozen other houses would have gone with it.

Riley Johnson nailed up the cottages that were broken open or burned so as to require it.

A number of our citizens had premonitions of the fire. Miss Lottie Schen sprang from her bed and cried fire two or three nights before, using exactly the same words as she used in calling her brother at the time of the fire. Quite a number of people did not sleep at all that night. If they were all gathered together it would make quite an array.

The origin of the fire is a mystery and no blame can be attached to anyone.

The insurance men say it was a remarkable feat putting it out. Many villages with good fire departments could not have done it.

The alarm was given at about 4:30 and in less than two hours five cottages had been burned, one torn down and the fire was under control.

J. C. Schen took a number of views of the fire and ruins showing how it was controlled. They can be had at THE SUNFLOWER office at 25 cents each or a set of six for \$1.00.

GENERAL ITEMS.

When E. C. Williams was awakened he fired off his pistol which awakened many people. J. F. Witherell lost his gold watch but was fortunate enough to find it again. A. Bowers was sick abed and but two houses between his home and the fire. Arrangements had been made to care for him in case it was necessary.

Graham Turner and Fred Spencer had their hands hurt slightly while at work. An engine was gotten in readiness by the Jamestown fire department to send up to our aid had it been necessary.

Fortunately it was not, but we appreciate the kindness of our Jamestown neighbors, just as much as though they had come. It snowed slightly all through the fire and there was scarcely a breath of air stirring. What little there was came from the west. Nellie Warren, who is at Tallapoosa, Ga., Miss Russell, who is in Pennsylvania, were notified at once.

LILY DALE NEWS.

Bigge Wilcox has gone to LaPorte, Tex. Mrs. Seymour has gone to Randolph, to visit her mother for a few weeks.

Fred Spencer, was home for Christmas, fortunately, as the fire was in the vicinity of his house.

Mrs. P. C. Chaffee of Buffalo, fell down stairs recently and was quite seriously injured having her shoulder and two ribs broken.

The three children of Mr. Homer Todd, and J. C. Schen, all of whom are attending school elsewhere, are home for the Holidays.

Mrs. Coville's brother, Mr. Rathborn of Oil City, Pa., came up the day after the fire, and Mrs. Coville returned home with him.

Mrs. Joe Turner went to Dunkirk to attend the funeral of her sister last Sunday. Her brother, Mr. Geo. Golden, and her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Griffith, of Fairview, W. Va., made her a short visit last Saturday.

D. B. Read, who is attending the Dental College at Buffalo, was the guest of Miss Etta Prettyman at Christmas time. Mr. Read hopes to bloom into a full-fledged dentist when the robins nest again. His many friends wish him success.

The three Morrison sisters have returned to their home at Cornplanter, Pa., having spent three profitable months visiting at Dr. Hyde's at the same time being under the Doctor's care for the their health, which has been greatly improved, also taking up several lines of study with Mrs. Hyde.

There have been several people sick on the grounds lately among them G. W. Cooke, Mrs. Ruth Shaw and A. Bowers. Mr. Bowers has been confined to his bed for the last two weeks suffering from a severe cold. He withstood the shock of the fire in a remarkable manner and is on the road to recovery.

Jimmie Watson, Dr. and Mrs. Hyde's nephew, who is attending the Dental College at Buffalo, and Mrs. Hyde's two brothers from Friendship and Hornellsville were here to spend the Holiday season. This was quite a reunion as Mrs. Hyde had not met with her brothers since their childhood days.

Mr. Williams, the store keeper, has moved into the Turner cottage on Second Ave. since the fire. His wife was visiting in Buffalo, but came back the next day. Both of their fathers have arrived and they will soon be settled again; they got most of the furniture out of the Schen house where they were living before it burned.

OBITUARY.

Another friend and patron of Cassadaga has been called hence. Mrs. Ruth Wait of Linden, N. Y., departed this life December 14, after suffering long physical ailment. She was possessed of sterling qualities of character; a lover of the beautiful and an admirer of the true. She had long been a Spiritualist and in hours of grief, of sorrow, of disappointment and sore trial, she found in Spiritualism comfort, strength and support. She was a cottage owner at Lily Dale, and until four years ago — when physical disability overtook her — she was annually in attendance at the summer meetings. During the years of her physical suffering, she was kindly and tenderly cared for by her step-daughter, Mrs. Gay. Joyous indeed must have been the hour when the captive spirit of our arisen sister gained its freedom. The services in commemoration of her transition were held at the home. Mrs. Clara Watson officiated.

The inhabitants of Lily Dale were greatly shocked the morning of December 22, to learn that Mrs. Susan M. Carroll had passed away. The evening before her transition, she had been out riding and was apparently as well as ever. After eating a hearty supper she enjoyed the evening as was her custom until about 9 p. m. She was then taken suddenly sick, although medical aid was immediately summoned, she relapsed into unconsciousness at 9:30 and passed away at 5:50 a. m. without regaining consciousness.

Mrs. Carroll was the wife of Hon. Reuben Carroll, who passed away at La Porte, Texas, last spring. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll took an early interest in Spiritualism and an active interest in the success of this camp. They had been married forty-five years, twelve of which had been spent on these grounds. The Carroll home has ever been a center for literary, humanitarian and political people, and in a quiet way, scarcely allowing the right hand to know the actions of the left, many people were made the recipients of their bounty. Five sons and one daughter survive them, also three grandchildren.

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F. Corden White goes to Columbus, O. for January.

The fire at Lily Dale took so much of our space that many items are crowded out of this issue.

We acknowledge with thanks a package of holly and mistletoe from Mrs. Nellie Warren, Tallapoosa, Ga.

D. B. Jimerson's engagement at Rochester, N. Y., has been postponed until the week of January 7. He will be at 55 Comfort street.

We have received a number of letters commenting on the improved appearance and size of THE SUNFLOWER. We thank our friends for their kind words, and hope that we will continue to make an interesting paper. The increased size makes THE SUNFLOWER one of the largest of the Spiritualist papers.

Twentieth Century exercises will be held by the Minnesota State Spiritualist Association at the Unitarian Church, corner Mary Place and Eighth street, Minneapolis. Among those who will take part are G. W. Kates, Zaida B. Kates, J. F. Raymond, Mrs. C. D. Pruden, Mrs. Carrie Tryon, Mrs. S. M. Lowell, Mrs. Anna Shaft, Mrs. A. Talcott, J. S. Maxwell, and other officers of the State Association. Mrs. Jos. P. Whitwell, W. J. Erwood, and all other local talent, has been invited.

The Progressive Spiritual Society, Grand Army hall, South and East Diamond streets, Allegheny, Pa., is constantly growing, and the future is very promising indeed. Geo. C. Day is the speaker, and Mrs. M. C. Kelly is the singer. THE SUNFLOWER is a great favorite at the meetings.

The First Association of Spiritualists of Philadelphia, Pa., will hold Twentieth Century services at Casino Hall, December 31. All Spiritualists in Philadelphia have been invited to participate in the exercises. The address will be delivered by Dr. Ravlin, who is serving his second year as pastor of the society.

The fifth excursion to Florida, visiting Lake Helen camp and other points of interest, will leave New York City January 11, the sixth and last excursion will leave January 25. The last excursion will be personally conducted by H. A. Budington, 91 Sherman Street, Springfield, Mass. Write him, enclosing 4 cents stamps, for full particulars.

Since the close of the last camp season, Oscar A. Edgerly has filled engagements in the following named places: September in Elyria, Ohio; October, in Cleveland and Lima, Ohio; November, in Columbus, Ohio, and during December filled an engagement in Toledo, Ohio. For January and February, 1901, Mr. Edgerly is engaged to lecture and give tests in Lima, Ohio; for March he has been secured to fill a return engagement at Toledo, Ohio. At present he is open for engagement for April and May. Will be pleased to hear from societies who may desire to employ trance speakers and test mediums for those months. O. A. Edgerly, home address, 42 Smith St., Lynn, Mass.

The November number of *The Commercial Stamp Trade Journal*, the official paper of the Rubber stamp trade has a long article concerning Mr. B. B. Hill. It is not generally known among the Spiritualists that Mr. Hill was the inventor of the self inking rubber stamp mounts and that his invention has been the most popular and lasting kind of stamp mounts that have been manufactured. He has an extensive manufactory in Philadelphia where they are made at the rate of several hundred thousand per year and shipped all over the world.

Chicago, December 20, 1900. The Members of the Class in Psychosophy of 1899-1900, who passed the necessary examination, in the School of Psychosophy of The Church of the Soul, met at the residence of the teacher and founder of the School, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, last Tuesday evening, when the "Stu-

dent's Certificates" of the School was conferred upon them. It was a very pleasant and joyful reunion. After the services of conferring the Certificates—twenty-four in number—by the teacher, through Mrs. Richmond, those present partook of a bountiful collation, prepared by the hostess, and enjoyed a most delightful time until the hour of departure. After the students have passed through all the departments of the School, four in number, and attained the required excellence, Teachers' Certificates will be conferred upon them.

An Interesting Letter From Tallapoosa, Ga.

I am thinking today of you and many of my Northern friends, and noting the contrast in the observance of Christmas day between the two places and not only that, but the difference in the temperature. Here it seems like the first of October in New York, the glass registers about 65°, a perfect day. Nearly half the leaves are yet on the trees, much evergreen in sight such as long leaf pines and running vines.

I enjoyed a carriage ride today across the state into Alabama. People are picking cotton, plowing and at various work in shirt waists and shirt sleeves. The boys are having independence in true Fourth of July style, firing guns and can non crackers, in fact, they commenced for 1901 and it will be all right. We are using what force we can to come to you at home and open the doors between the two worlds. We are using all our time in improving all conditions of ourselves to give you all a welcome into this life. To my son, G. F. Monroe, Cincinnati, O.

Every boy with a gun and dog are out hunting. Rabbits, quails and grey squirrels will be found in the markets tomorrow for about ten cents per pair, un-dressed.

This city of Tallapoosa is called a Northern city under Southern sky, the climate is universally conceded to be the finest this side of California for health and pleasure. In the winter it is a happy medium between the cold of the north and the warm, heavy, enervating climate of Florida. The air is laden with the odors of the pine trees and it is said that there are more days of sunshine here than in any other part of the United States.

opinion of our little party of seven Lily Dukites, including our good friend Mr. Smith, who drove through, eight hundred and fifty-seven miles in six weeks. He has traveled extensively in this country and agrees with us that this is a delightful place to winter. The many Northerners here tell us that the climate is just as delightful in the summer as the winter.

The walks and drives are picturesque and strange to Northern eyes. The top layer of the soil is a mixture of gravel and red loam, which forms a macadam, hard and smooth. Bicycling is good and there are a great variety of wheels and go-carts of all kinds. First and foremost is the standard mule, four footed; two on the ground and two in the air. It is not uncommon to see a negro with a pair of mules and cart, with four bales of cotton on, to sell to the merchants. It is worth ten cents per pound or fifty dollars per bale. Cotton used to sell at 6 cents a pound then there was no money in it. Now this city is subscribing fifty thousand dollars for a new cotton mill to be in operation for the next crop. The Big Iron Furnace is now leased by New York parties and will run to its full capacity. The city glass works now employ about forty hands. Mr. H. E. Eder of New York City has the big Wah-netha Hotel (formerly Lithia) costing seventy-five thousand dollars which is well patronized; the famous Lithia and Chalybeate spring—free to all—is a great drawing card.

A portion of our party attended the M. E. Church's Christmas tree—not unlike our northern churches, except, no demonstration of applause of any kind, no matter how fine the number was rendered, which was quite a restraint upon our party.

Wishing all and THE SUNFLOWER a happy and successful New Year, from all your friends.

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Eliza Monroe.

I reach out to my dear son and husband in Cincinnati, O. and know they will be glad to receive a word from me. So many of the dear ones are here with me. Uncle Tom Walker and my niece Mary, send their love. Ed. Weglin wants Victor to go on as he has made plans for 1901 and it will be all right. We are using what force we can to come to you at home and open the doors between the two worlds. We are using all our time in improving all conditions of ourselves to give you all a welcome into this life. To my son, G. F. Monroe, Cincinnati, O.

Ella Simms.

I want to reach my dear father, Cyrus Simms, of Hannibal, Mo. I know how sad this season of the year is to him and to cheer him up is my desire, that he may know I have not forgotten him. From my spiritual home I come to bring a ray of light to my dear ones on the earth plane. There is no suffering now and I am going to ever be near my dear ones.

Lydia and David Hose.

We want to reach our children P. W.

and Lena, Shiloh, N. Y.

We find this door open to us and know that we can reach them at this time. Their desire is to know that we have not forgotten them. We trust the New Year will bring to them brighter returns than in the year just closed. To us it is a pleasure to manifest in this way and give an expression of love and sympathy to start the New Year. George and Albert Skinner join us in these greetings to you.

Mrs. Polly Ensign Mergester.

I want to reach my son John and give him a word to let him realize that mother can see and understand the conditions of the earth and spirit life. Your grandpa, John Ensign, is with me. I see Henry and Caroline Parsons and they want to be remembered to Jennie and John. We can understand your desire and know some day you will gain the point you desire in these matters but it is a gradual unfoldment as we understand and at last all find its truth.

Sarah Ann Merrifield.

This is the first time I have tried to reach my dear ones in this way yet I knew of this life beyond, before the change came to me, and many were the dear ones who were ready to receive me in this life. I look back upon the experiences of earth as a school to unfold our own spiritual natures and to prepare ourselves for the greater life beyond. All should try to understand before they come to this life.

VERIFICATIONS.

I read with surprise a message from my sister, Alice Hett, in THE SUNFLOWER of December 15, which in particulars and names is all correct. I thank Mr. White for the message and Mr. Bach for publication.

ALBERT N. HETT.

Buffalo, N. Y.

The message published in THE SUNFLOWER of September 15, from David and Martha Henion is correct in every particular. The names mentioned are people that once lived at Lyndonville, N. Y.

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Fake mediums stand a very poor show in Buffalo. There are none here at present, and I would advise them to keep away.

The First Spiritual church, Moses Hall pastor, have full houses twice a day on Sunday. Moses Hall is a power on the Spiritual roster.

The Old Buffalo Spiritual Church Society can be safely rated as the healthiest, most flourishing, and the best conducted society in Buffalo. President E. J. Chase is a thorough worker, and has, by his hard work, aided by his wife, as platform test medium brought this society up to its present good condition, with a membership of 100 persons.

J. W. Dennis lectured for the Buffalo Spiritual church, and also for the Buffalo Psychic Society within the last few weeks.

Mrs. Mattie E. Hull is the hardest worker in our ranks, and her Christmas presents reach far and wide. Mattie is a sort of a ministering angel to many a weary soul.

Mrs. Mattie Hull's Lyceum Christmas festival and entertainment given at the temple on the evening of the 26th, was a grand affair to the little ones under her charge. Who will or who can fill Mattie Hull's place when she is gone? Many a little heart will ache at the parting.

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WONDERFUL TOWER OF BABEL.

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PROBABLY THE ORIGINAL.

As to the Greek manuscript, M. de Mely is not satisfied that it describes the original tower, but there is the chance that it does. The sharp differences between its measurements and those of Sir Henry Rawlinson's lead to the supposition. The one unlikely phase is that the dimensions of the original tower hardly could have come down through generation after generation, and the age of the manuscript indicates that only in this way could its figures have the stamp of authority.

Save for the Biblical account of the building of the Tower of Babel little is known of it. It has been conceded that each of the four angles of its corners had its apex pointing to a cardinal point of the compass.

This tower, according to tradition, was a sanctuary for Nebo, the special God of Babylon. Herodotus tells of it that the tabernacle at the top contained a bed which was supposed to have been occupied by Nebo as a favorite resting place. In it was a golden image of Bel of colossal size and two minor figures, also of gold. There was an immense table of gold, and everywhere were evidences of the rich tribute paid to the deities. At the base of the tower was a second shrine, with a table and two figures, all of gold.

Tradition says that this tower, through its seven stories, was colored and decorated in honor of the planets. The lower story was painted black, the hue representing Jupiter; then red for Mars; golden for the Sun; then yellow in honor of Venus; blue for Mercury; and silver for the Moon.

One of the most interesting of the inscriptions in the ruins of the rejuvenated temple was that showing that King Nebuchadnezzar had completed the work of restoration in 15 days. This is significant of the development of art in that age and also of the enormous number of men subject to the call of that monarch. For instance, in the azure blue chamber of the tower dedicated to Mercury, that effect was produced by vitrifying the brick that went into the walls.

REPORT FROM THE N. S. A. MISSIONARIES.

The outlook for our missionary work is fine. Wherever we go we find the people are ready to cooperate with us. The Spiritualists nearly all favor organization, we meet with no opposition in this respect; but there are many Spiritualists who are not doing much in the work. Such persons are usually glad to see a good flourishing society in their town, but don't care to exert themselves much to organize one. Others, many others, are anxiously waiting an opportunity to organize, and to work and usually when we get them together to listen to us, we can organize them; or if they have had a society and it has gone down, we can reorganize them.

Last week we organized and chartered a fine society at Royersford, Pa., with fifty-two members. This is the first society ever organized in that place. We left them full of true spirit of enthusiasm, the hall was filled and many had to stand at the last meeting. It was announced that hereafter meetings would be held in that hall regularly every Sunday. Without organization this was impossible, with organization it is easily done. At this place they are developing some good mediums. This new society is composed of the best people and the cause is in good hands. We shall hear more from them later on.

We are making our headquarters at Philadelphia during this month, serving the Philadelphia Association of Spiritualists on Sundays and going out to nearby town for week days. Next we go to Eagles Mere, Pa., two hundred and eighteen miles from here for three meetings, where we expect to organize a society, and then on to Laporte, Pa., for one meeting, returning to Philadelphia for a Friday night meeting, which, with our two Sunday meetings here will make nine meetings held in nine days. We are busy indeed, we sent out sixty letters in one day last week and today we have written twelve solid hours, all of which is doing good for our cause, and we are happy in this work.

There are forty towns on our list that want us to come and help them now, there is work enough in the two states allotted us—Pennsylvania and Indiana—to keep us busy for some time. All Spiritualism lacks now is sufficient missionary funds to put competent organizers in the field; enough of them to cover the

entire territory, thus setting to work the idle ones who wish to work and giving our gospel to the hungry hearts that crave it.

I hope and trust that the generous souls who are willing and anxious to help our cause, will swell the missionary fund of the N. S. A. until its board may be able to send out many missionaries that the work may progress more rapidly and that we may become a thoroughly organized body doing business in business ways. Making our efforts more effectual. We desire to hear from every community in Pennsylvania and Indiana where a society may be formed or where our work is needed.

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