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INVOCATION.

MATTIE E. HULL.

To be Sung to Music, Page 40, in "Cyclone" of Song.

O, Angels, come to us this hour,
Come to us now, and freely give,
The precious truths we would receive,
For in your words we do believe
Dear Angel Friends, O come, O come.

O, Angels, come to us this hour;
Waiting we long to meet you here
For comfort sweet, and words of cheer,
We long to feel your presence near
Dear Angel Friends, O come, O come.

O, Angels come to us this hour;
Your loving help we do implore,
Be with us till earth toils are o'er
Then lead us to the beautiful shore,
Dear Angel Friends, O come, O come.

WHY SOCIETIES FAIL.

One of the Principal Causes for the
Failure of so Many Local Societies.

Written For THE SUNFLOWER by E. W. Gould.

Becoming a Spiritualist does not necessarily change our habit of thought, our observation or our education. Most Spiritualists of mature age have been more or less connected with some religious organization before they became Spiritualists and had learned to respect their teachers and to follow them in whichever way they were directed, asking no questions.

Whatever the teacher said was accepted, and if a clergyman, his word was law. Hence when a leading Spiritualist came into a neighborhood and formed a society, the new theories he taught attracted many, some of whom united with the society without asking many questions.

As long as the promoter, the leader, remained and the excitement was kept up, the membership increased but when he left, if no active mind had developed and no successor appeared, the excitement soon ceased, the interest died out, and, as might naturally be expected, the society generally collapsed.

This is a valuable experience although coming late and very damaging in its effect. But in all future efforts in establishing local societies, we may know what is necessary to insure permanence.

We have learned that cohesion, sympathy, and brotherly love are requisite and that decarnate spirits will do nothing for us that we can do for ourselves.

A society with a settled pastor is in position to do much that can be done in no other way; societies that are unable to pay a regular preacher ought by all means to employ an active superintendent, either man or woman, all the time; societies that are able to employ a regular pastor, all the time, and have to hold their services in a rented hall little realize the great benefit that a nice comfortable church of their own would be and what an attraction to the neighborhood and to the society.

What an encouragement and stimulant to the children of the Lyceum and the young people of the society to meet and practice the beautiful spiritual songs that are now being published by our spiritual composers.

Is it possible Spiritualists can be content to sit gently down and wait another half century before enjoying the pleasure, the luxury, the blessings in store for them, as a compensation for the little money and labor required to secure them?

Is it any wonder our spirit friends, seeing the indifference, the selfishness, the disregard for the poor and even for those in our own ranks, who suffer for the spiritual food we fail to furnish them, decline to come to our assistance?

Brother Willard J. Hull, in the *Light of Truth*, has proposed a spiritual antidote for all our short-comings which deserves the most careful study and consideration from all thinking Spiritualists. But however worthy and practical the proposition, the little philanthropy, enterprise and spirituality the Spiritualists of America have manifested in the last few years is not encouraging for so grand an advance towards pure altruism, but no doubt it will be well received. It is so far in advance of the usual teachings from our platform, it recalls the familiar passage in the Bible, viz.:

"The voice of him that cryeth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be

exalted and every mountain and hill shall be made low and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough places plain."

I fancy nothing will do so much to bring about that very desirable state of things, of which Brother Hull so earnestly contends, as for every community of Spiritualists to resolve themselves into a committee of the whole on the subject of missionaries. Making sub-committees for the various duties which appear the most important. Brother Hull will, of course, be entitled to name the first committee, and the subject will probably be "Spiritualistic plans for the present and future."

If I am entitled to the honor of naming a committee, it will be upon a Building Committee, as I consider the building of church edifices, for spiritual purposes, among the most important for the permanent advance of our religion. Every other religious organization in America makes the building or the purchase of a church edifice, one of the first considerations — and very properly too. If the society is small, the building should be correspondingly so.

It not only insures the society a home, but gives credit to it by the citizens although not belonging to the society. It has a stimulating effect upon every member of the society and will do more to increase the membership than all else. It will insure to the society the choice of pastors and a comfortable pleasant resort for spiritual and social meetings.

The value of a permanent pastor cannot be over-estimated and one should be employed by every society when possible, whether a man or a woman, if properly qualified for that position. We have a large number in our ranks who would qualify themselves, if such positions were probably to be opened to them.

With a faithful pastor, no society need lack interest or membership, all meetings would have a leader, all families needing the services of a clergyman for marriages or funerals would not be obliged to call upon strangers to officiate, Lyceums would have a valuable assistant and Spiritualists would be induced to educate their children at the Lyceum, instead of at orthodox Sunday Schools. The Ladies' Aid Society would take pride in assisting to furnish and decorate the church and the young people would be encouraged to apply themselves in practicing vocal music. There are so many advantages in local societies, when properly organized and conducted, it seems unnecessary to urge their formation upon Spiritualists.

I trust I may be excused for so often referring to this subject, as an important factor in organization. If Brother Hull's proposition is endorsed by the National Convention and accepted by Spiritualists generally, it must be accomplished through practical organization.

THE AWAKENING
OR RESURRECTION.

Inspirationally by Mrs. F. A. Prosser.

Written For THE SUNFLOWER.

Life is a broad avenue that leads on to realms of immortal beauty.

Life is sentient; life is earnest; and the grave is but the awakening of the real; the glorified expression of the true measure of life.

Arise ye reasoning minds, ye who are clothed with the mantle of manhood and proclaim unto all the world the glad knowledge of the greater possibilities awaiting all in the coming time.

Learn today that you need not wait until you are through with the material experience to know of the heavenly home and of what use to make of this, your earthly experience.

Learn how to make your heaven now here below that you may not linger at your unfinished tasks when the larger experience should be yours.

Fill this life with glad and beautiful experiences and know that for all such endeavor you shall be amply rewarded.

Let not a single soul walk in darkness or beside the stygian pools without wafting to him an incentive for a higher life. Let him feel that you truly wish him good.

Let him know that you labor not for gold while seeking to lift him higher but for love.

Show him that he is your brother, whether he be black or white, red or yellow, all alike are children of the one God, who is Love, the blending of unchangeable law of positive and negative forces. Be diligent all ye who hear the voices of your angel teachers, in showing the way and the truth unto all men that

the world may be truly blest by the outpouring of the Holy Ghost.

The pentecostal days are drawing near, when each shall say unto his brother man, "I know the way of life everlasting, and the law pertaining to communion with our loved ones gone from our material life."

Will not that be a glorious time?

Will not grief be assuaged?

Will not the trials of material life be less severe?

Will not the knowledge that all will be well with us on the other shore take from the hearts and minds of men the hidden doubt, the fear aghast and many lurking self-created demons?

But, friends, when the way is opened unto the angel world to speak the lessons of truth unto all men, sinning will not be a motive of every-day life.

Why you say, "Do you not teach that all alike are saved?" Aye, even so. But to be saved and yet to suffer through mental torture is not a desirable outlook.

No frowning God imposes this punishment. No Saint Peter refuses admission with his keys, no oblivion of life until a final judgment day awaits you, but a resurrection of the spiritual body from the material does come and with it a consciousness of all your misdeeds and unto you a loathing of all unworthiness.

Think you happiness is yours, when you feel and know you are a thing of evil? Then begin now to set your house in order; clean out the rubbish, erase all uncleanness and make all in readiness for the coming of another day filled with good resolves and the willingness to do and dare all for the sake of right, justice and truth.

Lean on the great "I am" within feeling daily strengthened by the power gained, through self-asserted supremacy.

That which you desire you can be. If not as you wish — while in the physical — in the great hereafter, shall the reward for the endeavor for good be so apparent that the delay of your desired goal shall be made plain unto you.

Speak words of cheer. Give of thy bounty to the needy. Make bright the path of the weary ones, and fill each day with kindly thought and ministry and you will have unlocked the gates of the pearly city, or the paradise of the sanctified ones.

To be sanctified is to do good. Thus shall you gain the all of transcendent beauty and joy and by and through no other means may you attain the desired elysium.

GOD AND LOCKWOOD.

LYMAN C. HOWE.

The God question can never be settled. As minds differ, speculations will continue. It is faith in the unknown, and so far as at present appears unknowable. But earnest, devotional people feel so strongly that they think they know. But absolute knowledge is a scarce commodity.

The senses are our educators here, but they alone can tell us little. Reason penetrates to causes and traces relatives. Both sense and reason may err. Theories are the product of reasoning, but facts must furnish data, or reason is lost in a wilderness. I suspect that facts furnished the first data for all faiths. But reason was not equal to the tracing of relations, and interpreting facts aright. Besides there was a paucity of facts in the childhood of the world. All the wonderful revelations of chemistry, electricity, biology etc., have come from the multiplication of facts, increase in knowledge of phenomena and the application of reason to what the senses discarded.

The God idea seems to be an intuition. It is simple, crude, absurd, in its early expressions, but evolves with all the rest of human faculty. Music, art, poetry are all exceedingly crude in their beginnings, but evidently originate in human faculty evoked by circumstance fed by facts.

Is not the God idea, also, a product of innate faculty, the germ-functioning of a quality in human consciousness? In other words, is there a worshipping center in the human brain, or, as the phrenologist would say, an organ of worship? If so, does it not imply a God to adore?

If there be a musical faculty does it indicate that the musical principle existed in nature, before the faculty was evolved?

These are random suggestions but not original concepts. But are they valid? Can we trust the conclusions derived from them?

In these days anthropomorphic gods are at a discount. The divine thinkers that cobbled up the universe so

THE AMENDE HONORABLE.

JOHN P. COOKE.

When an honest man sees his mistake or his misconception, no one is quicker than he to correct the error in order that truth may have its perfect work. He has much more to lose than to gain by the perpetuation of error, he will wish his personal influence to count for truth and not for error, for right and not for wrong.

It was in this spirit that Theodore Parker was ever ready to correct the partial errors he had uttered when he helped to establish the *Banner of Light*.

Two men, who in their day, strove earnestly for what they thought to be the best good of humanity, have come to me in spirit, anxious to set themselves right with the world of men, where they now see their previous misconceptions and partial errors.

John Stewart Mills and O. B. Frothingham wish it to be publicly known that they now see the injustice and misconceptions involved in their hasty denouncement of Spiritualism, while in the flesh.

Prejudice, though unsuspected as such, sometimes usurped the seat of judgment and led to mistaken comments on what is now received as characteristic doctrine and as one of the fundamental beliefs of Spiritism, namely, the communion, under proper conditions, of mortal minds with those disrobed of the flesh.

Another doctrine, that of the possible knowledge or apperception of God by the developed human mind, they are now convinced of.

In the unity of intelligence with itself in self-consciousness — for the universal notion, the very conception of intelligence itself is that it knows all things and hence has intelligence of itself — we have a unity which is not at all explicable by dogmatism, since the category of dogmatism, that of mechanical cause and effect, contemplates subject and object as two distinct and disparate things, whereas in self-consciousness they are one. On the other hand, it is not possible to deduce the determined world from pure undetermined intelligence; there must be presupposed a certain nature-certain laws of intelligence and the feeling of necessity, accompanying determined representations may be explained as the feeling of (created) intelligence of the limits of its own essence? thus showing the relativity of the created mind to the absolute mind.

These gentlemen begin more fully to realize the great truth that apperception comes by God. They wish that all could learn and comprehend that "Life is God; Light is God; Love — divine attraction — is God; Knowledge is God; Goodness is God."

"All things are held by the law of attraction, that attraction is God." They both willingly labor to bring this knowledge and apprehension to the children of humanity.

TRUTH.

Truth crushed to earth; nay 'tis not true,
As easily crush the rising sun
As it gilds in splendor the horizon
And illumines the zenith blue;
And number the stars that brightly shine
Throughout the boundless stellar space
And of the maker find a trace
For Truth is the divine.
Truth, crushed to earth? the words are vain!
As easily chain the lightning's flash
And hush the thunder's booming crash
And stay the falling rain,
And still the waves on restless sea,
And stay the mighty ocean's flow,
And lull the wind in hurricane blow,
For truth is always free,
Truth is not crushed nor can it be;
Nor does it fade as the sunset glow
From the truthseekers here below
Who love humanity.

HENRY M. EDMISTON.

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The News at Lily Dale.

In order to ensure correct and prompt notice of arrivals, departures, improvements, or any items of interest, please write it and hand it in to this office. We want to give our readers all the news of the camp and you can assist us to do so in this way.

Cassadaga Camp has opened again and we are prepared for another season of pleasure and profit. If an auspicious day portends a prosperous season, we have everything to hope for this one. The weather was fine, the attendance large, and all were disposed to make the best of everything.

The meeting was called to order by George H. Brooks, chairman, at 2:30 p. m., Friday, July 12 and after a few preliminary opening exercises, Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing was introduced as the speaker of the afternoon. She delivered an address the pertinent topic being what could be done to make the season a success and closed with a round of applause that showed the appreciation of the audience.

Saturday morning opened bright and clear. A very interesting conference was held. In the afternoon Lyman C. Howe was the speaker. His address was well received and there was a good attendance. The evening program consisted of a dance in the auditorium and thought exchange in Library Hall.

Sunday opened with the promise of a beautiful day. An open air concert by Scott's orchestra opened the day, followed by an address by Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing, at 10:30, an address by Lyman C. Howe, at 2:30, followed by tests by Margaret Gaule, woods meeting morning and evening and the Hull-Jamieson debate in the evening. The day was all that could be desired.

The debate opened on the question: Resolved, That the phenomena and philosophy of Modern Spiritualism prove that spirits exist and can communicate with mortals.

Mr. Hull affirmed for twenty minutes, then Mr. Jamieson denied for the same time, after which Margaret Gaule gave some quite striking tests for twenty minutes when the contestants again had a round of twenty minutes each.

MOSES HULL AFFIRMS.

The discussion opened by some remarks by Moses Hull, in which he spoke very highly of his opponent and stated that truth was what they were both trying to reach. The arguments connected with the discussion were to come from any source, and each had bound himself to receive and reply to them.

He then began his argument, using personal experiences, extracts from history, and kindred statements to prove that all nations had a historical record of events which, he claimed, admitted of an explanation only on the Spiritualistic hypothesis.

MR. JAMIESON DENIES.

In opening Mr. Jamieson paid his opponent a high compliment and his open remarks immediately won the confidence of the people. He began by reading Emma Rodd Tuttle's poem, "Then Speak Out," then followed by an explanation of his own change from Spiritualism to Materialism by quoting from an editorial in the *Progressive Thinker*, which in substance was, that the person who never changed his mind had no opinion. He merely used what he inherited. He stated that if Spiritualism had been like Carrie Twing's lecture of the morning, humanity would have been almost saved in the past fifty years. Immortality was a great mystery, and no one knew of his immortality. Physical science did not. Even chemistry only affirmed the indestructibility of matter, but no one knew that matter was actually indestructible. Then turning to Mr. Hull, he said: "I hope you will be successful in demonstrating immortality. My sympathy is with you, but my cold reason and logic is against you."

MARGARET GAULE

then gave a number of tests, all of which were recognized as correct by the recipients, several of whom stated that they were entire strangers to her.

MR. HULL

then took a second bout. He told of the first debate he held with Mr. Jamieson twenty-nine years ago, when he was an Adventist and Mr. J. a Spiritualist trance medium, that on that occasion Mr. J. was controlled by several different spirits and then he claimed to have been controlled by eighty-five different personalities, in all of which he exhibited the characteristics of the spirits and not his own. Would Mr. J. explain what it and he was at that time? Then he referred to the tests given by Miss Gaule and used them as proof that Spiritualism was true.

MR. JAMIESON

opened with the statement that they were to talk on what they knew and wanted to know "what Mr. Hull knew." He was not a medium and had to take everything second-hand. His evidence was therefore only belief. He only had the "faith of the Christian." He explained Spiritualistic phenomena on the ground of hypnotic and subjective influence and stated that "everything was of earthly origin, all influence was earthly influence except the influence of the sun, moon and stars." Margaret Gaule's wonderful power was a "psychometric power" within herself, in proof of which he stated he would present a letter from Mrs. Denton in which she stated that psychometry had nothing in common with Spiritualism or spirits.

While the above is necessarily only a "bite" from the loaf, it will give an idea of the plan pursued in the discussion. It will continue tonight, and Tuesday then he adjourned Wednesday and continue Thursday, Friday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings.

The music for July will be furnished by Scott's orchestra, of Sinclairville, N. Y. and for August by the Northwestern Orchestra, of Meadville, Pa. The Northwestern Orchestra, as well as Cassadaga Camp has met with a serious loss in the death of their leader, Fred Nichols, which occurred Tuesday, July 9, at noon, at his home at Meadville. Mr. Nichols was a fine leader and a gentleman who made many friends; he will be greatly missed by all attendants at this camp.

So many visitors have arrived that it is impossible to give even a partial list, so we will not attempt it.

Many of the mediums have arrived and are located for the season. F. Corden White, P. L. O. A. Keeler, and Winans and Normann have recently arrived and are occupying their cottages. W. E. Hart is located in the Pond cottage on Melrose Park, Dr. Duke, in the Read cottage, Mrs. Cawcroft is at Mrs. Carpenter's, D. B. Jamieson, First Ave., Mrs. Mayer, 2 Cottage Row, Margaret Gaule, the Smith Cottage, Melrose Park, Mrs. Rogers, 6 Cottage Ave., Pettibone, at the Lott cottage, Dr. Matthews has the Green cottage, Miss Green is at the Grand, Mrs. Sellen at the Leolyn, Mrs. Bliss and Mrs. Maggie Waite have the Rouse cottage 11 Cottage Ave., Dr. Warren is at Mrs. Woods, on Third Ave., Charles T. Wood, the Astrologer, is at 8 Second Ave.

Mrs. Florence White will be at the Pond cottage, Melrose Park, Mrs. A. Kreisch is at 12 North St., Mattie Reitor, 5 South St., P. A. Keenan, 10 Fourth Ave., Bangs Sisters will have the Huff cottage on Melrose Park.

Hon. A. B. Richmond is at the Grand, H. W. Richardson, formerly a member of the Board of Directors, is at the Leolyn, Will C. Hodge is at 6 Cottage Ave., Mr. and Mrs. Lake, of the Harper School of the Philosophy of Life and Body Building, are at the Boardman cottage, Marion St., T. Grimshaw and family are occupying Mrs. Page's cottage on Buffalo St., George H. Brooks and J. Clegg Wright are at the Grand. Prof. Lockwood is at Miss Olmstead's, the Gaston families have arrived and are occupying their cottages.

The Lyceum will be in charge of Mrs. Peterson. It will hold its session every morning at 9 in Library Hall.

The Training School closed its session with commencement exercises July 11 and an entertainment July 12. The session just completed has been one of the most satisfactory in point of work accomplished, but was not a financial success. Moses Hull announces that a session will be held next year as usual and hopes that there will be an increased attendance.

Every attendant at Cassadaga Camp should secure information about the school and be a committee of one to assist it the coming year. Such an institution is needed and it is hoped that it will be sustained so as not to draw entirely from one pocketbook.

Mrs. Baillet has gone to Erie on her annual trip.

F. Corden White is enjoying the company of his mother, who will remain here all summer. Mr. A. Mohr, of London, Ont., also spent a few days with him.

James Wheeler has opened the barber shop under the South Park hotel.

The South Park Hotel has changed hands and J. H. Champlin is now proprietor, with C. V. Wildrick as manager. Mr. Wildrick has been the steward of the Hotel Gratiot at Dunkirk and can be depended upon to make it as comfortable and home-like as possible for the guests.

Mrs. Dederick has moved from the

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PROGRAM OF THE CASSADAGA CAMPMEETING, FOR 1901.

Platform Test Medium, Miss Margaret Gaule.
JULY.

Fri. 12—Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing.
Sat. 13—Mr. Lyman C. Howe.
Sun. 14—Carrie Twing, Lyman C. Howe.
Mon. 15—Conference.
Tues. 16—Moses Hull.
Wed. 17—Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing.
Thur. 18—Lyman C. Howe.
Fri. 19—Moses Hull.
Sat. 20—J. Clegg Wright.
Sun. 21—Moses Hull, Mattie Hull.
Mon. 22—Conference.
Tues. 23—J. Clegg Wright.
Wed. 24—Prof. William Lockwood.
Thur. 25—Clara Watson.
Fri. 26—Wm. Lockwood.
Sat. 27—J. Clegg Wright.
Sun. 28—Thomas Grimshaw, Cora L. V. Richmond.
Mon. 29—Conference.
Tues. 30—Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond.

AUGUST.

Wed. 31—Labor Day, Hon. John J. Lentz.
Thur. 1—Thomas Grimshaw.
Fri. 2—Cora L. V. Richmond.
Sat. 3—Miss Lizzie Harlow.
Sun. 4—Lizzie Harlow, J. Clegg Wright.
Mon. 5—Conference.
Tues. 6—Miss Lizzie Harlow.
Wed. 7—Canadian Day, Dr. Montague.
Thur. 8—William M. Lockwood.
Fri. 9—Mr. J. Clegg Wright.
Sat. 10—Hon. A. B. Richmond.
Sun. 11—Prof. William Lockwood.
Mon. 12—Conference.
Tues. 13—Rev. B. F. Austin.
Wed. 14—J. Clegg Wright.
Thur. 15—G. A. R. Day.
Fri. 16—Rev. B. F. Austin.
Sat. 17—William M. Lockwood.
Sun. 18—B. F. Austin.
Mon. 19—Conference.
Tues. 20—Rev. F. E. Mason.
Wed. 21—Woman's Day, Miss Gail Laughlin.
Thur. 22—Rev. F. E. Mason.
Fri. 23—Prof. William Lockwood.
Sat. 24—Hon. A. B. Richmond.
Sun. 25—F. E. Mason, Miss Gail Laughlin.
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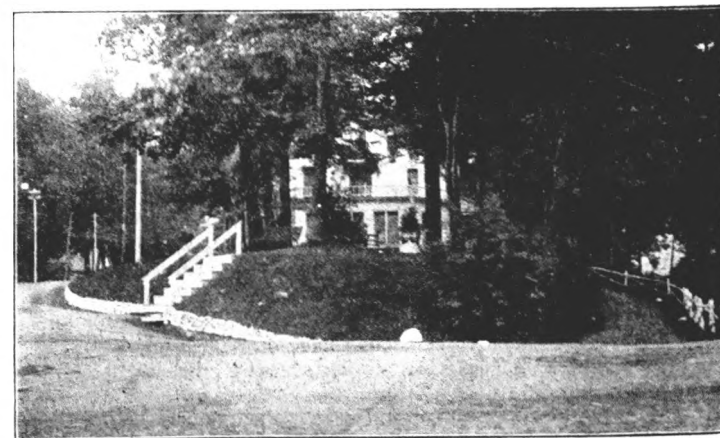
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Let failure find its false content
In that poor word, "environment"
But spirit scorns it, and is free.

It masters time, it conquers space,
It cowers that boastful trickster Chance
And bids the tyrant Circumstance
Uncrown and fill a servant's place.

The human Will, that force unseen,
The offspring of a deathless Soul,
Can hew the way to any goal,
Though walls of granite intervene.

Be not impatient in delay,
But wait as one who understands;
When spirit rises and commands,
The gods are ready to obey.

The river, seeking for the sea,
Confronts the dam and precipice,
Yet knows it cannot fail or miss;
You will be what you will to be!

THE POWER OF MUSIC.

Someone has aptly said that music is the universal language of the world. Certainly it is understood wherever uttered. It soothes and inspires all nations, and there is nothing more healthful or helpful than good music.

All peoples of the world do not get enough good music. There is nothing more refining than music, and those who contribute to it in any degree, manner or form in putting forth music are benefactors of mankind.

Joy, peace, hope, contentment and happiness are produced by music.

The more music we have the better the world will be. Therefore, all people of wealth should be liberal patrons of the art of music. It is an art that influences the very lowest types of humanity and lifts the soul up to higher realms.

HUMAN MIRACLES.

It has been predicted for many years by many sages, seers and prophets in all parts of the world that the twentieth century will be the century of human miracles.

Certainly strange and wonderful things are coming to pass constantly in these days of progress, growth and expansion.

Scarcely a day passes now that someone does not make some wonderful discovery or perfect an invention which in olden times would have been classed as "miraculous."

The era of a most wonderful age has begun.

Who can tell what will happen next?

The great universal forces are being understood by man, and are not only understood but are being controlled and used for his great advantage.

Hypnotism, psychic power and occult forces were little understood and little believed in only a few years ago.

Now, instead of being laughed at or ridiculed, they are fully recognized by all.

The things we ridicule today in a few years are accepted as absolute truth.

It is silly for anyone to ridicule anything he doesn't fully understand. Many deep and profound thinkers say that we are soon to witness many human miracles.

THE SECRET OF LUCK.

By an Adept Angel.

Luck is in a great measure a state of the mind.

Before we can have luck we must think luck.

The foundation of poverty and misery are often laid by poor thinking by thinking of bad luck.

On the other hand, fortune and happiness come by persistently thinking of good fortune, good luck and happiness.

By thinking of prosperity and reading of prosperity and desiring prosperity, we will sooner or later come to having prosperity.

We thus draw upon the powerful hidden or unseen forces to help us. The good Devas are everywhere; the Devas can help us.

If we are blue, despondent and can see no good in the world we draw upon the bad forces, and they will keep us down. They are a mighty power for everything that is bad.

We begin to have luck just as soon as we begin to think right. Thought is all-powerful for good or bad.

Like attracts like. Read and imbibe the contents of these columns and you are bound to have luck. Here is what the great seer says about luck:

"Clear your mind of every gloomy, selfish, angry or revengeful thought; allow no resentment or grudge toward man, or fate, to stay in your heart over night.

"Wake in the morning with a blessing for every living thing on your lips and in your soul.

"Say to yourself: Health, luck, usefulness, success are mine. I claim them. Keep thinking that thought, no matter what happens, just as you would keep putting one foot before another if you had a mountain to climb, no matter what mud or brambles you encountered. Keep on—keep on—and suddenly you will find you are on the heights—'luck' beside you."

A REMARKABLE FAITH CURE.

A. W. In *Metaphysical Magazine*.

A faith cure is recorded which utterly baffles the acumen of medical materialists to account for. It appears, however, to be well authenticated. A woman in New Orleans had been paralyzed forty-five years. One day last year she was at church and became impressed with the thought that she ought to pray for recovery. She spoke to the clergyman, who concurred. So several persons for more than a year spent a season every day in the intercession. Finally in May last she felt an irresistible impulse to walk. Stepping from her wheeled chair she walked rapidly across the room. From that time her strength to walk steadily increased. Infant children, it may be remarked, acquire the power to walk after a very similar manner. The true philosophy of miracles is the philosophy of mind itself.

OLD MAN CHANGES HIS WHITE BEARD TO BLACK.

At Medora, Ill., Seventy-year-old S. V. Keller has changed his white beard into a black one.

"Divine science and will power" are the means the old man says he employed in effecting the wonder.

HOW TO CONTROL THE MIND.

Wesley said: "I cannot help evil thoughts from coming into my mind, any more than I can help birds flying over my head, but I can help the birds from building their nests on my head and there hatching their young."

Do not allow bad or impure thoughts to enter and abide or develop. When an impure thought does come, cast it out by immediately thinking of something good—some clean, pure thing.

HOW TO KEEP YOUNG.

Madame Bernhardt, the great actress, who retains youthful grace to a marked degree, declared the other day to a newspaper interviewer that she managed to keep young by thinking young, that she held a strong desire to not grow old and feeble. She is a very active, hard-working woman, and occupation and enthusiasm in her work help her to retain her youthful feelings and looks.

An excellent magazine has recently come before the public which is filled with many experiences and theories of interest to all who are interested in the Metaphysical and Progressive thought of the day. *Magazine of Mysteries* is the title, it is a monthly, published at 225 William St., New York City at \$1 per year. It deals in Dreams, Glorified Visions, Occult Powers, Astrology, Hypnotism, Psychology, Telepathy, Psychometry, Magnetism, Clairvoyance, Graphology, Palmistry, Hidden Powers, Etc. Each department is classified.

I have taken the liberty to select items from this excellent magazine for all of the matter of this department, which will give the readers an opportunity to judge of its excellence and diversity.

I believe this magazine is destined to remain in the field, and welcome it to the arena of Progressive thought.

GOD AND LOCKWOOD.

(Continued from First Page.)

imperfectly that they have had business ever since to keep it going are now in the back ground sleeping in the graveyard of dead fancies and childish superstitions. But is God dead? Does the vanishing of error that has shadowed a germ-thought, annihilate the principle that gave birth to the germ? Or was there no such origin to the god idea?

But the God of science is another evolution. Is it, therefore a new creation? Is not modern theism an evolution from mythology and later theology. The God does not create out of nothing, but evolves out of himself. But what is that self? Can it be more than the Cosmos? If it be infinite, it must include the Cosmos, both in its physical and spiritual aspects. If so, what more is God than Infinite Nature?

Prof. Lockwood believes in Nature, the Cosmos, and recognizes a spiritual side to the material appearance. The two so interblended as to reciprocate energies and expressions and eternally balance the processes of evolution. He is an atheist they say, and he does not deny it, but he believes in all that the most advanced theist does and more. The difference is in name, and in the breadth and depth of the conception. No intelligent theist today, will be likely, to risk his reputation for right reasoning by declaring belief in a divine cobbler who haggles at nature, connives against his children and interposes his freaks and miracles to change the order of nature and make a toy shop of the universe.

But the enlightened theist contemplates God as the source of all natural order and expressions and nature as the temporary manifestation of his eternal constitution. But, though temporal, in the sense of being subject to change of state and manner of procedure, yet nature per se is as eternal as God, and in fact is God! Now Prof. Lockwood holds that Nature is all, and God nowhere. He sees no use for a God as nature is abundantly able to run herself and evolve all the possibilities stored in infinitude. Since nature is spiritual, and all cosmical processes originate in the spiritual, and the tangible world is but an evolution from spiritual elements, what's the matter with Lockwood and his God?

His God is infinite nature, spiritual and physical. The God of theology is a prisoner in nature and obeys all her laws, conforms to all her methods and is nature personified.

EDUCATION IS NEEDED.

WILL J. ERWOOD.

As I read the good things to be found in the *Sunflower* and other leading spiritual papers my mind is besieged by thoughts that would gain admission to my mental sphere and so I feel in the mood to write and thereby unload my mind and make room for new thoughts that are crowding around me.

I am not going to start out by saying, I am a Spiritualist because I am afraid to do that just now, and the more I learn of that grand philosophy, the more I feel that the time is not ripe for me to say: "I am a Spiritualist," even though I have been for the past six or seven years, an instrument through whom certain denizens of the zones beyond the grave have sought to carry the good tidings to humanity in the flesh.

As I come in contact with men and women day by day, I am forced to the conclusion that few, oh so few of us who call ourselves Spiritualists are worthy of the name and I feel that as yet, I can only say I am trying to be a Spiritualist.

We need so many things in our ranks that I hardly know what we need most, but as I ponder over the needs of the hour, I hear a voice which says in solemn tones "Education, Education" and echo answers Education, so that will be the theme of which I shall write.

By this I do not mean that the exponents and followers of spiritual philosophy are necessarily a lot of ignoramuses. Oh no, anyone who reads our spiritual papers will readily see that our ranks are teeming with brilliant minds that are keenly alive to the questions of the hour.

With all this we need education, and need it badly. We have lost ourselves in the maze of phenomena and I fear that only too many of us have lost the lessons intended for us. We need the education of practicality that will enable us to utilize in a practical manner, the wonderful truths that are given us by this sublime philosophy.

Spiritualism to my mind is nothing, if not practical and its teachings and truths can be so practically demonstrated, then we would be surprised by the simplicity of the demonstration. The trouble is we want to be so high-faluting and big-headed that we look away over the educational features of Spiritualism and reach the position of the writer some years ago when he first became conscious of the truths of spirit return and felt the unfolding of his mental powers. Behold, common Spiritualism would not do for him, he must be an "Occult Scientist" as it sounded big.

But everything that goes up must come down and so it was with the writer and it came about in this wise.

While painting a fence one day in the early days of my inflation, I was accosted by an old man who man who said: "Well, young man when you have handled the brush as long as I have, you will be pretty good at it." "Indeed!" said I disclaimingly, "I don't intend to do this all my life." "Oh," said the old man "what are you going to do?" Thinking that even a child would understand what I meant, I answered with dignity that "I was studying Occult Science" and would follow that.



CHARLES T. WOOD, ASTROLOGER.

This staggered the old man for a moment, he scratched his head vigorously and then blurted out, "Yes a good sign writer makes good wages".

'Tis needless to say that the inflation subsided at once and I always think of the old man with feelings of gratitude. That is what so many of us need; bringing down to the terra firma once more, so that in the course of time we may in truth become Spiritualists.

We need education in many ways as few of us have learned how to apply the truths we advocate.

Spiritualism stands for humanitarianism, justice and the higher intelligences are ever striving to educate us along these lines, but how sadly do we neglect this education. If we turn our attention to self for awhile and roam in the unexplored regions of self-hood we will be appalled at the panorama that will be unfolded before our gaze. We will stand convicted in our own eyes of so many things that I shudder at the outlook.

Greed, hate, envy, jealousy with all their accompanying evils are there and still we have such beautiful philosophy. Not only is this true of the lay people but of many of our leaders. Think of the beautiful soul inspiring lectures delivered through media and then that media spending the balance of the day reviling and maligning other workers in the field.

Can we deny that these are truths and that we stand today more in need of education than ever? Some may say we are no worse than our orthodox friends, but even granting all this, is that any reason we should not do better?

Spiritualists, awaken and educate yourselves in your own philosophy. Though we have all eternity before us, we have not a single moment to lose and it behooves us to be up and doing. Let us learn that Spiritualism means more than the mere exchanging of greetings between the two worlds.

Do not float away off in the clouds and forget that you live here. Blame not your spirit friends for every little misfortune that befalls the individual or the cause, but educate yourselves to stand alone. Throw away the swaddling clothes of spiritual infancy.

Cast off the chains of fear, the shackles of bigotry and prejudice and stand forth free from men and women. Organize everywhere not for conquest, but progression, not for self-aggrandizement, but humanitarianism and self-education. Use the attitudes nature has bestowed upon mankind as though you had a right to and then see how things will bloom.

Talk about the "decline of Spiritualism!" I should say not. Only let Spiritualists deserve the name, live the principles and prove that they are educated, liberal, just, truth-loving people and then see the sun rise.



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THE LYCEUM.

I have noted a number of articles on the Lyceum question in recent issues of the *Progressive Thinker*, and as I am one of the interested parties would like a word on the subject.

To begin with it is the easiest thing in the world to criticize. Any one can do it. There never was a thing on earth that could not be criticized and ridiculed.

Much has been said regarding what we ought to have for the Lyceum. The only thing that is needed is a class of workers who will take hold and do something and not expect someone else to do it all.

For years I have been the advocate of a system of lesson sheets for Spiritualist Lyceums, modeled after the Berean Lesson Leaf of the Sunday-Schools. There was no way of doing it, and two years ago I stated that if money could be raised to pay the actual cost of printing, I would undertake to do the editorial work, etc., without cost to the Lyceum Association.

This proposition brought out a response from a gentleman of Chicago who donated a check for \$50 to aid it. Other donations increased the sum up to a little less than \$90 and a lesson leaf was published for six months.

This lesson leaf had no support from the Spiritualists either financially or otherwise, and after running six months the money being exhausted and no prospects of any coming in to meet the cost of publication, it suspended.

Only six people outside of Mrs. Hull and myself sent in a contribution to this paper in the six months in which it lived and one of those was from England.

When the N. S. A. convened in Cleveland last fall the subject was again broached and it was said that a lesson leaf was not what was wanted but a paper was, and a gentleman of Cleveland offering another check of \$50 to aid it, and some more funds, amounting to \$64.50, given to aid such an enterprise, I again agreed to make the attempt, as many promised to aid the enterprise. The result was exactly what happened before. Less than \$20 in money and very few contributions being received, it has again been necessary to let the venture drop. This time, as far as I am concerned, finally.

If the Spiritualists want a series of lessons, or literature for the Lyceum, it will be the easiest thing in the world to get it. But it will not come of itself. It will have to come through the labors of some of those who say they want it. If they don't want it bad enough to take a little interest in it and do a little work and donate a little money, they don't want it very badly. These theories are very nice, but when you are watching all the time and trying to get out something that will answer the purpose and then have to do it for nothing, unless the fault-finding can be considered full payment, it gets rather monotonous for the two (in this case) who did all the work.

There is only one trouble with Spiritualism. That is the apathy of the Spiritualists. If some means of ridding ourselves of that could be found, Spiritualism would "flourish like a green bay tree" in all of its branches.

W. H. BACH.

From *Progressive Thinker*.

A Song From the Departed.

This song was sung to me while asleep in bed and was set to the sweetest music I think I ever heard. It was sung by my two baby children, a boy and a girl who died in infancy eighteen years ago. They stood by my bedside while they sang. Their features were as plain to me as any person I ever saw in my wakeful state and they were man and woman grown. But, the mystery to me is in the fact that I knew them and knew them to be my children. The two first verses were their song.

She was fairer by far than the flowers of our valley,
Or the bright tiger lily that grows by the stream;
Her voice was like music, our tired hearts to rally,
While her eyes of blue azure so fondly would beam.

Now you miss your sweet rosebud now happy in glory,
We're watching your life as you journey along,
And Della beside me is telling his story,
Of how happy we feel while we sing you this song.

It was Rosy and Della that stood there so plainly,
And sang me their song while I lay in my bed,
I arose from my pillow and with pencil I mainly,
Then traced out these lines from the ones they call dead.

J. W. BOYD.

DOINGS AT ONSET BAY.

These days of June are most delightful at Onset. The hot wave that has caused so many deaths and so much suffering in our cities has not reached this place. The sea breezes are very invigorating and the nights are sufficiently cool for sound and refreshing sleep. The prevailing wind during the summer in this section is south-west, and here it is our most enjoyable wind because it comes to us laden with the ozone gathered from old Buzzard's Bay, of which body of water Onset Bay forms a part. No more healthful spot could possibly be found to spend the summer. Invalids who come here from inland towns are soon benefited by the air and the magnetic and spiritual conditions. Besides our drinking water obtained from a pond near by is absolutely pure. Also I may say that the fruits and vegetables offered for sale are nearly all raised in this section, consequently are fresh and of most excellent quality.

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The association building besides containing one of the finest platforms for its speakers to address the vast audiences from, also has a large waiting room for its speakers and musicians, a band room the large octagonal room for the officers of the association, and on the first floor a very commodious book store. This store will be under the charge of Mr. J. B. Hatch, Jr., of Boston, who will have a fine lot of spiritual books and papers for sale. Every one visiting Onset should give this place frequent calls.

Mr. A. J. Maxham has been engaged for the entire season with exception of the Womans' Congress, as our vocalist. During that congress, Mrs. Ryder, a very fine soloist, will have charge of the music. Mr. Maxham is the author of Maxham's Melodies, a song book just adapted to the use of our local societies and camp-meeting organizations. He is a universal favorite at Onset, not only on account of his talent as a musician, but also on account of his genial and manly qualities.

Our programs are now being distributed and from the same all particulars with regard to the meeting can be obtained. Send to the writer at Onset, Mass., for one, and then start at once for Onset.

The first dance of the season, under the auspices of the Association will be June 29, in the Temple. These assemblies will occur every Saturday evening during the season.

Special prominence has been given the class work this season. With that object in view the Onset Summer School of Philosophy has been organized. It is hoped that the Spiritualists of the country will take more than ordinary interest in this work, for the association is desirous of adding many new features another year, and this can not be done unless the people give their cordial support.

Already nearly all the cottages are occupied. All the hotels are open and doing business and all present a most attractive appearance.

Every train brings new arrivals, and every mail fresh inquiries concerning the place.

Several mediums have already arrived and others are expected soon. Among those here may be mentioned, Dr. Hewett, of Boston, magnetic physician; Mrs. Kate R. Stiles, of Boston, lecturer, business and test medium, and Mrs. Abbie Chord, magnetic physician and test medium. Mrs. H. M. Wentworth, business and test medium.

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Coin will pass instead of prayers—
Goes at par most anywhere;
Christians love to hear it jingle,
Even in the house of prayer.

Women, don't lose your faith in Jesus,
How shall priest and preacher live?
Who shall eat the nice spring chicken?
Dainty food you always give.
Who shall tell us all of heaven
That they claim to know about?
If you lose your faith in Jesus
It will let the whole pack out.

DEATH IS A LIVING FOUNTAIN.

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Come to the living fountain, come,
That issues from the closing tomb
And swells the great eternal dome
With sweetest songs of Home! Sweet Home!

Come to the fountain ye whose care
Seems more than your frail forms can bear;
Whose burdened bosoms glow with care;
List! softest strains of home are near—
Home! Sweet Home! Sweet Home! Sweet Home!

Come to the fount whose constant flow,
Bears weary ones from ports of woe;
Death's darkening pall a moment lowers,
Then heaven's bright home, Sweet Home is ours!
Home! Sweet Home! Sweet Home, Sweet Home!

Come where the crystal waters ever
Fill life's eternal broad light river;
And echoing float on its silvery tide,
The tunes of joy on the other side,
Home! Sweet Home! Sweet Home! Sweet Home!

Come to the stream where angel love
Broods o'er its waters like a dove,
To cheer us o'er its liquid wave
To our long sweet home beyond the grave!
Home! Sweet Home! Sweet Home! Sweet Home!

Come where the tree of life takes root,
With healing leaves, sweet flowers and fruit,
To grace its shores on either side,
And spoils death's gloom as home we glide,
Home! Sweet Home! Sweet Home! Sweet Home!

SEVENTH ANNUAL CAMP MEETING

Of the Island Lake Camp Association, Island Lake, Mich.

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The Pere Marquette R. R. will carry passengers at one fare and good for thirty days, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week, given a special rate of \$1.00 Saturday, good to return Monday, from Detroit and Lansing to Island Lake.

If further information than the above is desired, consult the nearest railroad ticket agent.

There will be a depot for literature established at camp. Our spiritual papers will be always on hand.

You can procure board and room, per week, \$5.00 and \$5.50; rooms, \$1.50 to \$2.00; meal tickets, \$3.50; single meals, 25c., excepting Sunday dinners which will be 35c.; day board \$1.00. Special rates for children.

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FROM THE N. S. A.

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MR. AND MRS. E. W. SPRIGUE.

While doing missionary work last winter we were called to Remington, Ind., where we held three meetings organized and chartered a society with eleven members. It now has seventeen members and instituted a grove meeting. We are now at Remington attending a grove meeting. It will last one week closing July 11.

We are holding the meetings daily in a large tent in the village park; they are free to all who wish to attend.

No Spiritualist meeting was ever held or a lecture on Spiritualism ever given in this vicinity before we came here; now they have a society and a grove meeting established through which they will educate and enlighten the people from miles around. Spiritualists of other communities what is to hinder you from doing similar work?

These object lessons in missionary work and the value of organization are worthy of the earnest consideration of every true Spiritualist. I hope all such who read this will think and act upon its suggestion.

We leave here July 12, for Ashley, Ohio. Our campmeeting engagements are as follows:

Ashley, Ohio July 14 to 19 inclusive.
Chesterfield, Ind. July 20 to 23 inclusive.

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Vicksburg, Mich. August 4 to 9 inclusive.

Hazlet Park, Mich. August 10 to 15 inclusive.

Vicksburg, Mich. again August 16 to 18 inclusive.

After this date we are free to attend other camps or to do missionary work. We wish to hear from localities where there are good prospects of organizing societies. Address Rochester, Ind. Home Address 618 Newland Ave., Jamestown, N. Y.

These Verses Were Composed by a Prussian Poet in the Seventh Century on His Death Bed.

Tell thou my friends while weeping
They my words disery;
Here you behold my body sleeping,
But it is not I.

Now in life's immortal flickering,
Far away I roam;

This was but my house, my covering,
It is no more my home.

This was but the cage that bound me,
The bird had flown;

This was but the shell around me,
I, the pearl, am gone.

Over me as o'er a treasure
Hath the spell been cast;
God has spoken at his pleasure,
I am freed at last.

Thanks and praise to him be given,
Who has set me free;

Hence forevermore in heaven,
Shall my dwelling be.

There I stand my face beholding,
With the sense of light;

Present, future, past unfolding,
In that radiance bright.

Passing through the plains I leave you,
I have journeyed on;

From your tents why should it grieve you
Friend to find me gone.

Let the house forsaken perish,
Let the shell decay;

Break the cage, destroy the garment,
I am far away.

Think on God his love forever,
Knows his name is love,

Come to him distrust him never,
He rewards above.

I behold each deathly spirit,
All your ways I view;

So the portion I inherit,
Is reserved for you.

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A Natural Healer.

A reporter of the *Evening Herald* had a talk with Dr. Dumont C. Dake, the other evening to learn his reason for having such strong faith in the curing of chronic diseases by the laying of the hands. Dr. Dake is full of zeal and earnestness when he gets to talking on this subject.

"Do you mean to say," asked the reporter, "that you really cure diseases by laying on of the hands?"

"Certainly," replied the doctor, "and I can show you a volume of testimonials in proof of it. The direct communication of magnetism with the nervous system gives it marked superiority over all such grosser agents as must reach that delicate framework of life by a circuitous route. Of all remedies this alone pours its benefit directly upon the very springs of sensation. Thus we possess a subtle means of acting efficiently upon the fountain head of disease, to which neither drug nor needle can find its way. I deal with the cause rather than with the effect. With a thorough knowledge of the human system and understanding of polarization of brain and body, I am enabled to send magnetic life to the seat of the disease."

"Are you the Doctor Dake who a few years ago was the champion croquet player in the tournament held in New York City?"

"Yes, and my wife won the first prize and the silver mallet by a record of 19 games won and one lost, but let us talk about curing diseases. I am far more interested in that than I am in croquet-playing. But understand," continued the doctor, "I do not claim that magnetism alone is competent to reach or rather cure all cases. I give drugs and medicines when it is necessary to use them, but I am very careful as to their selection."

"What diseases are you especially successful in treating, doctor?"

"I can hardly say as to that. But among the great variety of cases treated by me with marked success have been diseases of the stomach and liver; heart disease, both organic and functional; diseases of the lungs and kidneys; and of the brain, the nerves, the blood. I have had great success in curing rheumatism. In fact I cannot recall a case where the patient followed my directions and faithfully took my treatment that I have not cured."

"Somebody has remarked, doctor that you come from a race of physicians who are as natural healers as the celebrated Sweet family were natural bone-setters. Is this so?"

"That is true. My father, grandfather and great-grandfather were physicians. Some of my relatives were professors in medical colleges in New York, Philadelphia and Cleveland. They were the first to introduce Homeopathy west of the Alleghenies. I myself use some of the best remedies of the homeopaths, but while I am, I presume, fairly well read in all practices, my special talent is in diagnosing and locating disease."

"Do you treat chronic diseases only, doctor?"

"Why, I presume I should not refuse to prescribe to any one coming to see me provided I thought they needed a physician; but those suffering from chronic diseases alone awaken my sympathy. Years ago there was a very painful case in my neighborhood and the local physicians had for many years abandoned it. This case I studied so thoroughly and exhaustively before I was admitted to practice that I knew I could cure it. Since then I have considered it my special mission to try to secure those that others can not cure. To reach these sad cases, all of God's truth is needed. No one system is sufficient."

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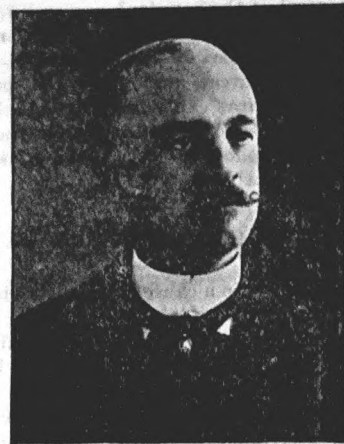
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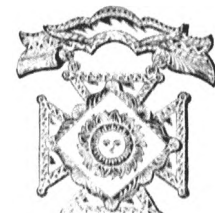
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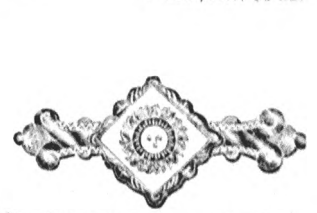
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WHAT A PUNDITA SAYS.

Pundita Ramania reached New York a few days ago and was told of the astonishing progress of a new cult called Christian Science, she said: "The same philosophy has been taught among my people for 4,000 years. It has wrecked millions of lives, and caused immeasurable suffering and sorrow in my land, for it is based on selfishness and knows no sympathy or compassion. It means just this: The philosophy of nothingness. You are to view the whole universe as nothing but falsehood; you are to think it does not exist; you do not exist; I do not exist; the birds and beasts that you see do not exist. When you realize that you have no personality whatever, then you have attained the highest perfection of what is called 'Yoga,' and that gives you liberation, and you are liberated from your body, and you become like him without any personality. You draw on the black-board a zero, you add a zero, multiply by zero, divide by zero, and it equals zero. It is just like that, nothing more."

Is not this an exact statement of what the pundits who come to this country from India are bringing about at the present time? We ask the advocates of those doctrines to show where they have been beneficial to humanity either in this country or in India.

Famine and pestilence is the natural condition that prevails in India, notwithstanding the boasted wisdom of that country. Some of their own advocates, when talking quietly, admit that it is only during the mango season that a large proportion of the people know the sensation of a full stomach.

Travelers tell us that the Yogis are of a low order, and totally unlike the wonderful people the pundits tell about.

If India is so wise where is the evidence to show it? The horrible practice of suttee was only stopped by the most powerful measures by the English government. Women are simply chattels and not even fit to cat at the same table or out of the same dishes with their husbands, they being kept like cattle for labor and breeding purposes in many parts of India. Snakes, wild animals and all classes of pestilence flourish without the least attempt to check their ravages and have done so for ages. The home of that fearful disease, Asiatic Cholera, that has killed millions of human beings is in India.

Has India produced any great scholars who have made discoveries that have been any great advantage to the world? If so, where are they. Has the teachings of the pundits and punditas made happier and more comfortable homes and elevated the people of this country? If so, will some advocate give us the facts?

Where are her mechanical inventions? Is the wooden plow, made out of a crooked stick and handled by one animal, to be compared with the inventions of this and other countries? Has she factories to turn her raw material into manufactured articles? Has she street railways, steam roads, hospitals and a

thousand and one institutions that civilized countries have, that have not been made by the English since they took control of the country?

India may have some clever magicians and possibly mediums; but as a center of great intelligence, the pundits and punditas can not consistently boast. As Anglo-phobia had its run in the past, so India-phobia is now having its turn. What next?

ST. ANTHONY COMSTOCK.

It has been a cause of wonderment that Anthony Comstock persecuted so many honest and reputable people working for the betterment of humanity, and it has been accounted for by attributing to him too great zeal, too strong prejudice, lack of discriminating power and spirit of church tyranny which wishes to compel all people to conform to its standard, allowing no one to have a standard but the censors.

But various reports and some testimony have suggested that he is controlled by people who wish to use him to further their interests by injuring others, and that he is induced for a price to desist from his persecutions of others, consequently it is not so astounding to find him engaged in the gambling business, which he is accused of by Judge Jerome of New York, who claims to have discovered in his gambling raids that an agent of the Parkhurst society is carried on the books of the gamblers' syndicate for \$50 a week, and that an agent of the Comstock society is carried on the books for the same payment.

This makes it clear why great hearted women, writing books for the uplifting of women and their emancipation from the slavery of ignorance, are persecuted, and earnest workers for the emancipation of man from his slavery to tyrannical laws and customs are taken from their work and their families, and imprisoned, and others whose means are small have been deprived of their hard earnings. Comstock has denied the charge, and offers his books for examination; this is an offer that should be promptly accepted; let the people call for the examination. Vesta Bridge.

—Pennsylvania Grit.

Oh! My! Tony! What has happened to you? Is it really going to come to this at last? You know that during the Lexow committee investigation one of those awful people had the "nerve" to claim that you received \$1500 "hush money" that you used for "the glory of God," or to the purpose of fostering the Society for the Invention of Vice, or something of that kind.

What a great "I AM" you are! In a recent article of about five inches, you use the personal pronoun "I" twenty-three times. What a big man (in our own estimation) we are getting to be.

Well, Tony, just take a fool's advice and let up on your persecution of innocent people or you will have your own matters shown up. Remember about the people who live in glass houses and the advice about the stones.

CAMPMEETINGS AND ORGANIZATIONS.

Now that the campmeeting season has really opened and we will have several weeks during which people will meet at the camps from all sections of the country, what could be of more benefit to Spiritualism than to have a discussion of the most practical method of cooperation for the purpose of furthering its best interests?

We have had some serious object lessons during the past year. Nearly every state in the Union had laws presented to their legislatures last winter that would, to a certain extent, operate against the best interests of not only Spiritualists but the liberal element everywhere.

The New York State Spiritualist Association fought and succeeded in defeating the legislation in this state. Had it not been for that it would have been a serious matter if the proposed laws had been enforced.

There is only one way to overcome these laws and that is to cooperate in such a way that the lawmakers will know the power of this element and realize that no votes can be gained from those advocating the bill that will not be counteracted by the votes lost by those who are opposed to it.

When the fight was on last winter at Albany, the first question was:

"Who do you represent?" and the reply "The New York State Spiritualist Association" was always sufficient to secure a respectable hearing. It was not H. W. Richardson and Moses Hull that these

legislators cared for, it was these gentlemen representing an association of people in the State of New York, who had votes to cast, that they were interested in. What would have been the effect if no protests had come in from the Spiritualists when the telegrams began pouring in from the doctors of every section of the state and the representatives of the doctors' associations were there in person to push them? There can be no question that the bills would have passed.

Spiritualists, you have not one valid objection to organization. Not one! You must organize and cooperate if you expect to be anything. If you want to die a slow death, just continue your disorganized, disconnected methods, take anything you can get as long as it will come for the collections or on its own responsibility, regardless of whether it is a proper representative of the movement or not, and say that "the spirit world will care for us" and, as an individualized movement, you will soon see the end of Spiritualism. On the contrary, organize your forces, stand up for your rights, work together, secure intelligent and honorable workers, and you will be surprised at the results.

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J. L. Franck writes from Louisville, Ky.: "Sunday June 2nd was the first time Mrs. Helen Taylor ever lectured in Kentucky. She is a nice little lady and every one at once fell in love with her. Her lecture was grand and so pronounced by the crowded houses she drew and many remarked, now, that's what we call true Spiritualism. They will be with us during June and July and from here they go to camp. Her tests were true to the core and not a single failure of the 32 tests given; then she introduced what she calls soul thoughts, and these were equally as well given. They are well pleased with their new home, 3 rooms most beautifully furnished adjoining the Temple. Everybody wished them success and from the present outlook we expect crowded houses every Sunday."

Adam D. Thompson, Georgetown, Ont. writes: "I desire to acknowledge the communication to me in the June SUNFLOWER. I think it is very remarkable, as it gave the christian names of my three sisters who passed over in Scotland and a brother in the West Indies. It is very much so as I have no relatives on this side of the Atlantic and there is no man, woman or child in America who could possibly know that I had relatives of those names in the spirit world. It was sent to me at the time it was for reasons I understand. Thanking you and the medium Mr. F. Corden White and wish you both prosperity."

Mrs. E. M. Travis writes from Hornellsville, N. Y.: "The weather is so very warm that Mrs. Messersmith closed her work here. She was successful in that she did a good work and relieved many that were suffering from the effects of obsession. One in particular has her and her wonderful guides to thank for health and reason. We hope to have her with us again when the weather is cooler and hope she may have greater financial success than she has had this time. The people of Hornellsville are slowly but surely awakening to an understanding of our glorious truth and coming in line with the advanced thought of the times, thereby elevating themselves to a higher standard, morally, physically and spiritually."

William E. Hart, *Light of Truth* message medium, left Tuesday for Lily Dale, N. Y., where he expects to remain during the camp meeting season. Mr. Hart is the authorized representative of the *Light of Truth* and will accept subscriptions for this paper. Our friends at Lily Dale will find Mr. Hart an affable young man and a good trumpet and message medium.—*Light of Truth*.

Dr. Willis Edwards, at one time favorably known in this city as a medium, committed suicide last week. He was taken to the Cook county hospital, where efforts were made to restore him to consciousness, but which proved unavailing. The body, we are told, is now lying at the Morgue, subject to the disposal of his friends and relatives. He was a most excellent medium at times, but fortunately he was unbalanced mentally, and in a fit of despondency committed suicide.—*Progressive Thinker*.

The Ninth Annual Delegate Convention of the Michigan State Spiritualist association, will be held at Lansing, Tuesday, August 13th, beginning at 10:30 a. m. All societies should send delegates to this meeting.

The Freeville, N. Y. camp opens July 27 and closes August 18.

The annual convention of the State Spiritualist association, of Minnesota, will be held in Minneapolis September 6, 7 and 8. All interested people and mediums and speakers who can attend are requested to correspond with D. E. Griffith, Secretary, 58 Royalston avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.

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South Park Hotel to the Sage cottage, back of the auditorium, where she has accommodations for a number of guests.

Mrs. E. A. Chadsey, a sister of ye editor, has arrived and will remain several weeks.

Mrs. H. V. Chapin, of East Somerville, Mass., spent a few days on the grounds.

The effort that has been made by certain members of the Board to make the lectures and classes of Prof. Lockwood and J. Clegg Wright free to all has progressed so far that it is now safe to announce that they will be so arranged. While the details can not be given at this date, it is expected that they will speak alternate mornings in the Auditorium and the third morning will be devoted to a conference where all will have an opportunity of discussing the ideas advanced. This should make a fine morning attraction and with the other attractions make Lily Dale the ideal camp.

Ten subscriptions have been received to aid it, all of \$25 each. The last one received stating that they saw the account of what was to be done in the SUNFLOWER and sent their subscription to aid it.

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PASSING EVENTS.

A dance was held at the Auditorium the night of July 4th. While the attendance was not very large the participants seemed to enjoy themselves.

Wedding bells pealed forth Sunday, July 7, and Mrs. J. Conant and Mr. Dennis Pierce was united in marriage by Mrs. Clara Watson. Mrs. Conant has been a resident of Lily Dale for some time and her friends wish her much happiness in her new life. They were serenaded that evening: not a chivari, but a serenade of music.

Mr. C. H. Gregory, formerly landlord of the Grand Hotel and of the Leolyn, also has taken unto himself a wife. The SUNFLOWER offers congratulations to all.

It is reported that O. L. Concannon has recently passed to spirit life. We have no particulars.

Advanced Thought class meetings are now resumed at Dr. Hyde's parlor every Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

Mrs. O. F. Gage made a short visit to the Dale. They are now conducting a hotel at 507 Niagara St., Buffalo.

MEDIUMS WHO WILL BE AT CASSADAGA CAMP THIS SEASON.

Mediums who will attend Cassadaga Camp this season and desire their names to appear in our list should send name and photo to this office.

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Transition of Fred B. Nichols.

Visitors to Lily Dale for the past fifteen years will be pained to learn of the death of Fred B. Nichols, leader of the Northwestern Orchestra, of Meadville, Penn., which has furnished the music at this camp for that length of time.

Mr. Nichols has been in failing health for some time but until recently he attended to his duties. Since last fall he has been in a gradual decline, the excitant cause being malarial fever from which he never fully recovered. During the winter he had occasional sick spells but this spring went to Oil City with the Orchestra to fill a month's engagement. He was taken sick and went home and died in two weeks time from what the doctors called acute Bright's disease.

His death occurred at noon Tuesday, July 9 and the funeral was conducted Thursday. It was attended by a large concourse of people, some going from Lily Dale for that purpose. The funeral exercises were conducted under the auspices of the society of Elks.

Mr. Nichols was a successful band leader and under his direction the Northwestern Band attained a degree of perfection that made them successful in a number of contests.

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SEVENTH ANNUAL CAMP MEETING.

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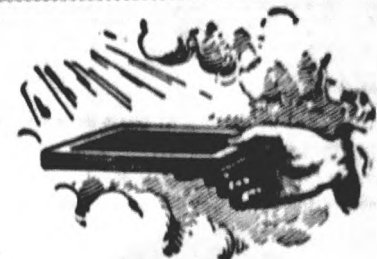
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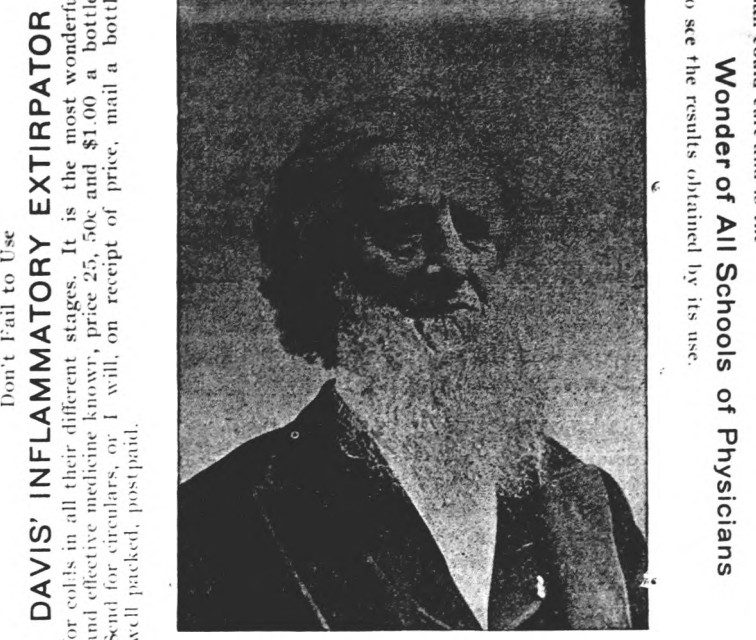
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