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# HISTORY OF CASSADAGA CAMP.

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## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION,

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That which is to enter into history and change the current of human thought, is often brought about in the form of some simple experiment, ridiculed at the time of its inception, and followed with persecutions afterwards, but if it is a truth, a great factor in nature, neither ridicule nor persecution, nor aught that can be brought to bear, can destroy. It will shine on and on, until its rays prove an added light to other truths along the way. Thus in the years 1844-5, in the village of Laona, through the lectures and experiments of a mesmerist, Dr. Moran by name, many thoughtful people were awakened to a knowledge of the power of mind over mind, and found that by the exertion of will power people could be cured of their ailments.

Jeremiah F. Carter, of Laona, was heard to regret that he could not have had the opportunity of having been treated by the late visitor, and William Johnson, father of the late O. W. Johnson, of Fredonia, also of our much lamented Marion, wife of Thomas J. Skidmore, now of Lily Dale, suggested imitating Dr. Moran and seeing if he could produce like effects. The result was satisfactory in relieving Dr. Carter of physical troubles, and later on without the aid of Mr. Johnson, he would be thrown into a clairvoyant condition, diagnosing diseases correctly and in many instances curing those who had been given up by other physicians. The influence which dominated the brain of Mr. Carter claimed, when in the body, to have been a Dr. Hedges, well known in Chautauqua County.

The claim seemed so absurd, and although the man's life was blameless, and he used his wonderful gift without remuneration, only as those healed gave of their meagre store (for many of them were poor), he was abused and insulted and even arrested as a vagrant several times.

His good wife, Joan, stood by him nobly through all those days of darkness, and when in 1848, the tiny rap was heard in Hydesville, N. Y., and called the attention of the thinking world to the fact that history had repeated itself that the silence of the grave had again been broken, many in that section were ready to fall in line because of the proven powers of Jeremiah F. Carter.

### THE FIRST WOODS MEETING.

Thus that portion of the county became the center of a great movement and it was at the suggestion of Dr. Carter's guide that a woods meeting or picnic was planned upon the Alden grounds, where the beautiful Leolyn hotel now stands.

The Alden family, consisting of Willard Alden and his wife, Corintha, a son, Theodore, and a daughter, Theodosia, were satisfied of the truths of Spiritualism, and Mrs. Alden was herself a very good psychic, granted the desire of Dr. Carter's guide, and on June 15, 1873, the grounds were dedicated especially for the use of Spiritualistic gatherings. From that day each June was set apart for such services.

Lyman C. Howe, now of Fredonia, dedicated the grounds to the cause of Spiritualism.

Dr. Carter's guides and influences, both spiritual and earthly, united in a movement for a camp meeting there and the following committee of arrangements were named:

Milton P. Goodrich, of Ripley, chairman; O. G. Chase, of Jamestown; David Ramsdell, A. A. Straight and J. F. Carter, of Laona; A. S. Cobb and Willard Alden.

Mrs. Joan Carter was appointed secretary to the committee.

It was finally decided that the camp meeting should commence Tuesday, September 11th, and close the following Sunday.

Lectures were delivered during this time by Mrs. E. L. Watson of Titusville, Mrs. L. A. Pearsall of Michigan, J. H. Harter of Auburn, N. Y., Lyman C. Howe of Laona, and R. S. McCormick of Franklin, Pa. Funds were collected at the rate of ten cents a person to defray the expenses, and at the close of the meeting the committee found themselves in debt only \$30.

February 15th, 1875, Mr. Willard Alden passed away, his wife joining him after three years, and it was not very much longer before the daughter, Theodosia, answered to the higher roll-call. Kindly thoughts are awakened by the sound of their names, and we know that in that other life they understand they are appreciated as being factors in a movement that has given the world a wider range of vision, and helped to bridge the chasms that ignorance and injustice have made. Theodore Alden, the remaining member of the family, is now a resident of Cassadaga Village.

### FOUNDING OF LILY DALE.

It is not my province as historian of the Cassadaga Lake Association to dwell longer upon the events preceding the organization of that Association. The beautiful name "Lily Dale" was chosen by the Alden family and adopted by the railroad officials as the name of the station, and also as the name of the post office.

Toward the close of the meeting of 1879 an informal meeting was called, and attended by those who were favorable to an organization independent of the one held upon the Alden grounds. Thomas J. Skidmore acted as chairman and Joe W. Rood, as secretary. The chairman announced the object of the meeting was to organize a corporate body under the laws of the State of New York, for the purpose of buying real estate and conducting a camp meeting. The chair appointed a committee of the following gentlemen: Messrs A. S. Cobb, Thomas J. Skidmore, Linus Sage, Laona, N. Y., Martin R. Rouse, Titusville, Pa., George C. Rood, Fredonia, O. G. Chase, Jamestown, N. Y. and David Ramsdell, Laona, N. Y.

This board organized with A. S. Cobb, president, O. G. Chase, vice-president, Thomas J. Skidmore, treasurer, Joe W. Rood, Fredonia, secretary. A committee was chosen to draft by-laws composed

of Joe W. Rood, A. S. Cobb and H. H. Thayer. Their by-laws with but little change, are in use at the present day. A subscription of stock was called for and responded to by twenty-four persons.

### THE ASSOCIATION NAMED.

Mrs. Amelia H. Colby, who later married a man by the name of Luther, was called in to name the Association and she gave it the name of the "Cassadaga Lake Free Association."

The organization was formed but was without a home. Several points were discussed and Cassadaga Lake favored, and later on a portion of the present grounds were purchased from M. and John Fisher. Twenty and five-eighths acres were secured for \$1,845.

The home of the Association was a wilderness. It is on record that A. S. Cobb of Dunkirk, chopped down the first tree. Mr. Cobb had been for many years a conductor on the Erie Road and was not accustomed to working in the woods, neither had many of the others, but men, women and children worked with a will. Women who did not do their own house work at home helped to pile brush heaps and to burn them when evening shadows fell, lighting up with a radiance before unknown, those dim old woods, where only nature had sung her lullabys, and storms had shown their mighty power, and the twinkling stars of centuries had kept watch of the land. As the trees grew toward them, became taller and strong and graceful as souls should grow who keep the heavenly star in sight.

There were frequent gatherings for the clearing of enough space to place the necessary buildings and the romance wore off, but those stalwart souls never gave up. The need of the money stared them in the face. N. N. Whitaker was the first to pay his assessment upon stock and afterwards loaned them a sum of money which was the first loan authorized by the board.

At a special meeting of the stockholders October 23d, 1879, it was decided that no ground should be sold outright but that the rental of lots for tents and houses should be three dollars a year.

It has always been the policy of the management of the C. L. F. A. to open doors instead of closing them, and so the low rentals and entrance fees have given them opportunities for investigation they would not otherwise have had; they recognize no aristocracy save souls who seek a higher light.

### FORMAL OPENING OF THE GROUNDS.

A meeting of the board was called May 6th, 1880, to prepare for a formal opening of the grounds June 15th, and the date of the first camp meeting was from July 31st to August 22nd, 1880. The dedications of the grounds occurred June 15th, 1880. A small stand covered with boughs and decorated with flowers was erected for speakers. A large number had gathered there that June day to listen to the dedicatory services by Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe Watson, of Titusville, Pa. It was no service found in books but the words were the words of one who was in touch with the angels, and they helped her to gather such treasurers of thought from rock and flower, from song of bird and breeze laden with sweet perfume, until the wealth of heaven seemed nearer, and the minor key of sorrow so far away was the sigh of a sleeping child.

With the power of a prophetess she gave glowing descriptions of what that movement might be to humanity, of its growth and prosperity; but with saddened look she told of the shadows that might come, the struggle for a larger life, the necessity for a different conception of justice, and a love that would embrace all humanity.

As child, as maiden, as woman crowned with a glorious womanhood, she has been identified with our country and

those who have in many a village church listened to the inspiration of the child feel that they still see in the face of our inspired sister from "Sunny Brae," her lovely California home, the same pleading look that all may seek the angel side of humanity and help them to outgrow the darkness and woe that is the lot of many.

Her home is the Mecca of the weary and heavy laden and with her beloved daughter, who is the wife of Grant Taylor, the son of our arisen worker, George W. Taylor, she is looking down the sunset slope of life with eyes undimmed with tears. None who heard her that day but will remember the poem inspired from the subject, "The Water Lily," and like the writer, may have associated the two, the woman and the lily.

That spring a hotel had been erected by Benjamin Baldwin. It was a large, two-story building and seemed at the time must be adequate for the needs of the Association for a long time but such was not the case. It opened August 7th 1880, with C. B. Turner as landlord. It must have been very difficult for mine host and wife to supply the table, with the nearest market at Fredonia. Also a great inconvenience because of the fact that in rainy weather it had to serve the double purpose of hotel and shelter for speakers and audience.

### THE FIRST CAMP MEETING.

The speakers for the first camp meeting were O. P. Kellogg of Ohio, Amelia H. Colby of Missouri, W. J. Colville of England, A. B. Spinney and Giles B. Stebbins of Michigan, Mrs. H. Morse of New Hampshire, and J. Frank Baxter of Massachusetts.

Mr. Baxter was one of the first, if not the first platform test medium in the world, and gave in clear, concise language descriptions of friends who had passed on, names, dates and circumstances connected with them that could not be contradicted nor accounted for, save that the loved and lost were there. But as in the olden days "Many came to their own and their own received them not." Combined with this gift was the ability to give a finished address showing the scholar and thinker. Mr. Baxter is still in the field doing good work.

The Children's Lyceum was organized in 1881 by Thomas and Tillie Lees of Cleveland, Ohio, who have been identified with Lyceum work since the great Seer, A. J. Davis, first demonstrated the Lyceum idea. The Lyceum has since become one of the special features of this popular resort.

I cannot in this brief mention give in detail the events of the years that have past, of the changes in the board of trustees, or names of the large number of speakers who have graced the platform, but desire to give glimpses of the changes the years have wrought.

The first board of trustees consisted of Albert S. Cobb, Dunkirk, president; O. G. Chase, Jamestown, vice-president; Thos. J. Skidmore, Laona, treasurer; Joe W. Rood, Fredonia, secretary; Linus Sage, M. R. Rouse, George C. Rood and David Ramsdell, all of whom have passed away save Thos. J. Skidmore and M. R. Rouse of Titusville, Pa.

Mr. Skidmore has been treasurer of the Association since its inception, and for several years vice-president as well. His interest is just as intense in the success of the Association as ever. He with the most earnest aid of the remainder of the management worked with a will to aid the Fredonia people in keeping license out of the town of Pomfret, and succeeded until the last election. It was a great disappointment to the faithful ones who desire there should be emancipation from this great evil.

M. R. Rouse is a respected citizen of Titusville, Pa., and has positions of trust. He is an earnest Spiritualist and has in his possession the first slate writing given under test conditions at Cassadaga. He cleaned his own slates and laid them upon the psychic's head in clear daylight upon the public platform with a large audience in attendance, and when he opened them he found a letter from his brother who had passed away some time previous. He still retains the slates.

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## AN ANSWER TO A LETTER ABOUT BIG BIBLE STORIES.

BY THE AUTHOR.

Mrs. M— E. S—  
V—, Wis.

Dear Madam:—  
Your letter to me arrived some time ago, but I have not had time to reply to it.

I appreciate your feeling for me as the author of Big Bible Stories. Regarding your experiences, I have nothing to say. I do not deny a God, but your and my ideas would differ as to what that God is. We would also differ about the Bible.

Now, concerning Big Bible Stories, kindly show me where there is an error in them. Where I have misquoted the Bible in the slightest degree; where there is a mistake in the mathematical calculation of the stories or where the stories are misstated.

The trouble with the Bible adherents is that they write and talk a lot of matter that the facts in the case do not carry out. Your church people do not know the history of the book, outside of your smartest clergymen, and you are turning them out of the church for heresy every day.

I am ready to accept God's word when I can find it. It certainly is not in the Bible. If it is, then God pity the whole world. You or any one else could not carry out the Bible teachings literally and keep out of jail. If the Bible is God's inspired word then God does not know as much about the universe as our ten year old school children of the present day.

No one who knows anything of the history of the book even claims it to be an exceedingly old book. So far as Jesus is concerned, there is no proof that such a person ever lived, and the entire Christian world is challenged to prove it. Not one record outside of the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John can be found, they contradict each other, and no one knows who wrote these books. They were not written until those whose names they bear were dead and gone many years.

The Encyclopedia Britannica says, "There are only three writings in profane history that refer to Jesus. Two of these are manifestly forgeries and it is only a question as to whether the third is wholly or partially a forgery." As this one is in Josephus, and it makes Josephus, an orthodox Jew, admit that Jesus is the messiah, any reasonable person can see that it is not a portion of the original writings and as a matter of fact it is not found in the older copies of his works. If Josephus had accepted Jesus as the messiah, which the passage makes him accept, he would have been a Christian. But he was an orthodox Jew.

The New Testament records are not authentic. Jesus was not up in the wilderness fasting and being tempted by the devil, and making wine at the wedding feast in the Cana of Galilee at the same time. The story of the devils being cast out and going into the pigs and the pigs running into the sea is absurd as the Jews did not raise pigs and do not eat pork now or at any time in their history.

The Ten Commandments are nullified right in the Bible. "Thou shall not kill" is good. But how about, "Now therefore put every man his sword by his side and go in and out from gate to gate. Kill every man his friend, every man his neighbor and every man his companion." Over three thousand people were murdered under this command—taking the Bible for authority.

The Bible God is not my conception of

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## My Friend The Psychic

BY ARTHUR F. MILTON

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As my case came off today I had to screw up an extra amount of material courage to remain consistent with the will and desire of my client. Whether he was right or wrong, was not supposed to be any of my business. I was simply a hireling in the matter, but it now went against my grain, and I vowed never to take up another case, unless I had superior evidence of being on the right side of it. I had reformed since day-before-yesterday. When a man becomes acquainted with his soul as I did on this occasion, he can no more follow the beaten tracks of ordinary humanity. He must be right or be nothing. That was my decision. It was made with such vim that I almost got mad again, and wished my client in Halifax. Then I wondered whether I was paying an hereditary penalty by this enforced legitimate lying—a method of letting a man down easy without leading him into temptation of repeating it in the old form or whether the study of law was a means to an end—a neutralizer of some active animal force, not allayed by the ordinary school education. That vigorous mental vibration or active thinking quieted the animal propensities in man, had been proved to me a few nights ago by passing the supper-time unnoticed, and I supposed that such hard studying as law required, had its compatible effects on worse habits or passions than eating. Perhaps without it I might have become a degenerate of some sensual order. Who knows? If nature does not who should? Is there a cause upon each soul that guides for its best results? I began to think so, considering the many fortunate escapes I had from temptation, due only to the profession I was engaged in. I had a self-respect to preserve in it, which alone prevented me from following some of the inclinations I had in youth, and even in manhood. Coupled together with much worry, I lacked time on many occasions to put my mind on them.

I knew a great deal more today than I knew only a few months ago, but the more I learned, the more I realized how little we know in fact. Man is but a mite compared with the universe. His powers are nothing against the omnipotent forces of nature. His knowledge limited in the face of infinity and eternal progression. His love—why, what is love anyhow?

I then wondered whether I had love—that sweet soothing influence which makes us forget the world. I have sensed it in dreams, but it always vanished again on awakening to full consciousness of material life. Was I too suffering for the lack of it? Was I also paying a penalty for a perverted love—a love rejected by pride or station? Was I reading my own past in that vision as well as that of my friend, the psychic? The thought startled me. Were we perhaps drawn together as souls undergoing like development?

With these last meditations now worrying me I went home to await my friend's coming.

### CHAPTER X.

#### MY FRIEND'S STORY.

I had not long to wait after reaching home, for my friend put in an appearance a few minutes later. I thanked him for his promptness, as I was exceedingly anxious for a seance or soul-communion with him.

We were soon comfortably ensconced in two rockers and facing each other.

"Well," he said smilingly, as though knowing my wish, "what's the trouble?"

"That's what it is," I replied, "but I am at

a loss which end to begin. I could have sailed right in this morning, when I mailed the postal, but so much has transpired since, that the first has somewhat lost its charm."

"It will connect," he replied. "Our life's experience is like a book. Your later experiences of the day probably would not have been without those preceding it."

What he said, struck me as being true, and I consented to it.

"Then forget the day and return to the morning," he said.

I told him of my vision, asking his pardon, however, for breaking off the mental talk so abruptly, without first asking him whether it were true. I had so positively settled on that as a fact that I forgot to question it. His natural acceptance of the apology made further inquiry unnecessary.

He then went on: "You have read me correctly so far as the effect is concerned. But I am a born American, have never been in France; have never fought a duel nor deceived a woman. And above all have never committed suicide to my knowledge."

The last remark was followed by a hearty laugh.

"But," continued he, "I have paid the penalty of just such a career, guilty or not guilty. I have never had a will of my own and never was a success as a controlling agent in anything, but never failed of duty in a serving capacity. By devoting myself to self-study and comparative character-readings, I finally understood my case and concluded that I had a broken will, either brought on by pre-natal conditions or inherited from a past generation. I have known men to collapse after a crime of murder, as though they had expended all their will-power in the act and become slaves to the will of others afterwards, conclusively showing that their potency of mind or will was broken. I could not accuse myself of the same evil, nor trace any such to the remotest generation of which my father had record, and which was over two-hundred years ago. So I wondered whether it were possible for souls of that order to return to the flesh for redemption. If so, my case was clear. The second part of your vision is also true in effect. I have loved but it was always perverted by materiality. I never could sense the response I sent out—the sweet soothing influence that I longed for so much. I have experienced it in dreams, but on awakening to physical consciousness the sweetness of it melted away. I have also experienced it when thinking of my dead mother, but it was only a whiff—an inspiration—a faith. The study of human character proved to me that some people never knew what true love was, and they invariably were of the selfish or lustful order. I then asked myself whether I belonged to their class, and why? Had I been guilty of the same crimes? If so where, when and how? I sought conclusion in soul-science. I concluded that some people were born with this sweet blessing already developed and that others were not. To become happy, forget self, was an inspiration coming to me on an occasion when I almost despaired because I could not feel the love I so much wanted. I lived up to that motto for years, sacrificing everything material in the hopes of reaping the reward sought after."

"Did I receive it? Well, to a degree, after much unrequited sacrifices or unpaid labors, I began to feel more content. Whether I had become hardened or my work was beginning to tell, I know not. But I began to sense it among the vibrations in my character-reading, and knew thereby that such and such persons had love, and that I could both appreciate and enjoy it, while the rapport lasted; but I was longing to have it as an absolute or lasting quality in my own soul. I imagined it was the end and aim of existence, as all mankind was reaching out for happiness, and I could not conceive of true happiness entering the soul by any other means than through a pure spiritual love, inherited by love acts or by having sympathy, charity, benevolence, etc., for mankind—like attracting like."

I believe that God or Nature is love, only giving, and that man must also attain this state to become one with the cause—freed from selfishness or prejudice of all kinds, even to that which we may have against a people, a party or a cause."

I felt severely hit at my friend's last remark, as I was an extreme partizan in politics and hated opponents as a religious bigot hates those of contrary belief. But he continued:

"So I studied myself closer and closer, and downed every emotion of an unloving nature, hoping thereby to find my heaven. Of course, this made me indifferent to worldly affairs, and people began to think me selfish in consequence. Yes, selfish in a worldly way, for I could not sympathize with their narrow-mindedness, their prejudices, their ignorance, their pettiness, their conceits. By controlling these emotions, the world became an open book to me. I developed a superior consciousness, that made every man a soul-being to me instead of a mortal. I knew too much for my own happiness. The truth was rather inclined to make me unhappy, but the knowledge it offered made up for the delinquency. I became irritable and capricious because I could not tell every man he was a living lie; but my intuitions warned me to be cautious. My soul seemed to have taken the guardianship over my exterior self and helped me over the rocky steeps of human inconsistency. By degrees it disciplined my mind to its vibrations, and then began my real soul-life in the body. Soul and mind became one, as it were, though circumstances drove me up against some very gross ignorance on occasions. But these I mostly overcame by a timely silence or saying something that threw oil on the troubled waters. Thus I managed to sail through life without creating much suspicion, except by the conceited, who regarded me as a very mediocre quantity among its kind. But I had the secret smile on them, knowing their worth and allowing them the credit sought, for what they thought they knew. Some of them were convinced that I was a good fellow after all, and invited my association, but I evaded them apologetically. I could not hold long congenially with them. It was too much like comedy minus the genuine humor. It is hard lines combatting sham, but we must make the best of it. I have often longed for death to evade it and have not been without feelings for an uninvited departure from this sphere of action. But can we escape our destiny, if it is our lot to pass through trials of this kind? I trust in Nature, God, Love—whatever the cause. I once worked myself up into that emotion called faith, and I felt an inspiration of love. I imagined that was the response and now look thence for guidance."

My friend and companion had answered all my questions in the recital of his own history, and I had nothing more to ask. I told him so, and thanked him for coming. He said he was only too happy to respond, and it had also given him an opportunity of explaining his own case, which he had never yet been able to do to another's understanding.

My vision, he said, had almost convinced him of a fact, which heretofore had only been a theory—a surmise—to him. It had, however, corroborated many of his own convictions or conclusions of himself in the matter of a broken will and a lost or an unfelt love. The vision was true in effect, if not in the cause, and as the latter did not concern him, he would not worry about it.

"We have enough in the present," he added, "without theorizing on the past or future. In fact, life is an eternal present, as there never was a beginning and never will be an ending. So, absolutely speaking, there are no past and future, and by dealing with the present only, we are sure to be right."

His logic was conclusive to me at the time, and I agreed with him; and being now close onto midnight again, my friend thought it time to retire in that he had worn himself out, unraveling his story to me.

I would not hold him, for it would have been selfish to do so, and thus we parted once more, hoping to meet again.

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## AN ANSWER TO A LETTER ABOUT BIG BIBLE STORIES.

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a God. My God never ordered the murder of fathers, mothers, and older sisters and turning over the young girls to a brutal soldiery, for outrage—for that was the custom of the Jews of that day as history records. They killed men, women and boys, but they kept the virgins and violated them. I will prove this at any time. I will show you the places in the Bible where it was done by God's command—if we accept the Bible story for it.

Christians do not stand any higher than other people in the commercial world. Church membership does not give my neighbor a good record. I who am an infidel to all of your beliefs have as good a credit with a church constituency as any one of the ministers we have here. In fact, the ministers of the orthodox church furnish the most criminals in proportion to their number of any calling in life. It is almost impossible to pick up a paper where a minister has not committed a sexual crime. Only a few miles from here a minister recently raised a child by his own daughter. Not a single infidel has been guilty and the infidels in this vicinity outnumber the church people by a large proportion. I thank you for the interest you have

shown in writing me for what you think to be my own good. I am willing to accept it as soon as I can be convinced that God has given us His word in any book.

What evidence can you present to a reasoning person? The book itself in not evidence. Anyone could write a book and make it say it was God's word, but the Bible does not say that. Most church members think it does, but it does not. The fact of the matter is that the Christian religion is based entirely on assumption. If they could prove the existence of the man of Nazareth, that the Bible was anything except what other books are—written by fallible men—then it would be an easy matter. As it is, no one knows anything about it. Even to baptism, the greatest churches are divided between sprinkling and immersion, and yet both sides claim that baptism and the method are essentials.

There is no record that Jesus was ever crucified. In fact, the Jews had no power to kill at the time it is claimed it was done, and the Jews did not crucify. That was a Roman method of inflicting the death penalty. The Jews stoned and hung. At the time Jesus was supposed to have been crucified, the Romans were in power and the Jews could not have put a dog to death legally.

Take the "slaughter of the innocents." No such event is known in history. Had such an event taken place there would

have been a record of it outside of the Bible.

No one knows positively who wrote a single book of the Bible. All of the commentators say, "This book is supposed to have been written about such a time and by such a person." Not a positive statement in it. Faith must supply the rest. I was born without faith. God, the great power of the universe, is responsible for my being; my faith or lack of faith.

Moses we know did not write the Pentateuch. It contains references to events that did not occur until over five hundred years after the biblical time of his death. Joshua went to his fathers nearly six hundred years before events narrated in that book took place. Judges was not written until all the judges of Israel had mouldered into dust and several hundred years had passed, while many of the stories were Jewish materialistic corruptions of oriental sun-tales. Sampson was not a man. He was a typical expression of the sun. It is found in the Aryan Sun-Worship, thousands of years before Christianity was thought of. Jonah was also a star. Revelations is composed entirely of the old astrological symbols and myths.

How did we get Christianity? Easy enough. Constantine the Great, gave it to us. He combined the sect of the Essenes, with the paganism of old, what we now call mythology, and made it. He changed the symbols of mythology to the Christian symbols. Diana became

the madonna. Zeus and Jupiter became the Jehovah of the Bible. There is not the slightest evidence that the Bible in its present form ever existed until about the twelfth century after the beginning of the Christian era.

Every symbol of the church at the present day is a part of old sex worship. It would not do for me to enter the subject as shallow minds would consider me vulgar. It is enough for me to say that gothic architecture, the church bell, church steeples, wafers, etc., all were received in lineal descendancy from the ancient Phallic Worship. In fact, the trinity is directly descended from it and it is the only rational explanation of the trinity that can be given. Christianity cannot explain their father, son and holy ghost trinity. When they try it, it mixes them up so that they don't know enough in a few minutes to tell their own names. Christians cannot give a reason why they have a steeple on their churches and why all are so anxious to have a large one. Read "Phallic Worship" and you will find out. Why are cathedrals always made with a wide gothic entrance? Christians follow the custom but do not know why. Read "Phallic Worship," and it will answer.

If you believe the Bible, as you claim, to, what use is there for you being a Christian? You can never get to heaven. No woman can. The biblical writers scarcely considered woman worthy of thought. She was bought

and sold like their cattle. They did not even consider her worth as much as cattle for they cared for their cattle, but if they got angry at their wives they turned them out and got others. They were cheaper than sheep, oxen or goats. They had no rights. Even John, in the Revelations did not find a woman in heaven. The only ones who could learn the name of the redeemed were "144,000 men who had not been defiled of woman." (Oh bachelors! He virgins! Not a woman there! As you claim to be a Bible believer, what do you think of that?)

Dr. Alexander Walker, in "Woman," page 330, says: "It is remarkable that in the genealogy of Christ only four women are mentioned: Tamar, who seduced the father of her husband; Ruth, a common prostitute; Ruth, who instead of marrying one of her cousins, went to bed with another of them, and Bathsheba, an adulteress, who espoused David, the murderer of her first husband."

Big Bible Stories is obnoxious to a certain class because they tell the plain truth. But they have been going right along, have come into the hands of some of the best educated churchmen of the day and have yet to be controversial. Even you do not show one instance where they are not accurate. You condemn me but do not tell why. That unjust condemnation and is against certain portions of the Bible.

In conclusion, I would advise you to read it carefully. Then read another book on the same subject, "The Ten Commandments Analyzed" by the same author; then take your Bible and your books and go to your preacher and ask him to show you where the statements are in contradiction to the facts as they appear in the Bible. If found to be so, it will be time to condemn.

If found to be as stated in the book, then it will be your turn to replace faith by reason, belief with knowledge.

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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.

Probably the most unpleasant weather for June that has ever been experienced has been our lot for the past month. It has rained twenty-two days out of the month and most of the time the thermometer has been between 55 and 60 while on one occasion it went as low as 40. THE SUNFLOWER office is warmed by a furnace fire while this is being written. The prospects are for better weather after this week. All the indications that the weather department see indicate that our cold spell is about over and then it will probably turn around and people will flock to the summer resorts.

The prospects are that there will be several gasoline boats on the lake this summer. Mr. Leo Scheu has purchased a Truscott launch and Wm. Steck, of Buffalo, Mrs. Waldow's grandson, is expected at any time with another; it will be placed on the lake for the use of the family. The row boats which have been owned for years by the Todd boys have been bought by S. J. Richardson and have been repaired and painted and will be rented at reasonable prices as has been the case in the past. The Richardson boys are also considering getting tools and arranging a bicycle repair shop in the boat house at the landing.

Cassadaga will have an old time Fourth of July celebration this year and Lily Daleites will be invited to participate. It will commence at 4:30 a. m. — always provided the boys do not begin it the night before and keep it up steadily — and will consist of races, speechifying, parade, fireworks, base ball, eating and end with a dance in the Opera hall. Everybody is invited and a general good time will prevail.

The hotels are getting ready for business. The Leolyn and South Park have been entertaining guests all the month of June and the Grand opened for the Picnic, and will open for the summer with Mr. E. R. Abbott, Jr., as manager, July 10.

A large number of cottages have been occupied this month. Probably a greater number than have been occupied so early in the season since camp was first held on the grounds. There are many ways in which they find amusement. Dances, boating, fishing, visiting, card parties, and even with the disagreeable weather time has not hung heavily on their hands.

Some quite large fish have been taken from the lake this spring. Claude Payne, of Cassadaga, caught a 14 and an 8 pound muskalonge one day. Mrs. Dana Richards caught a 3½ pound black bass; while catches of smaller ones are reported daily.

The boys are enjoying themselves with base ball. They have organized a team and with the newcomers have quite a good one. In fact, they win the majority of games they play. An effort is being made to purchase uniforms and equip a team with supplies which can be kept here and thus have the necessary equipment as a feature of the grounds each season. To do this a subscription paper is being circulated and a dance was given last Friday evening at which over fifty tickets were sold and quite a little sum left clear of expenses.

Mrs. J. F. Witherel holds a dancing class once a week in Library Hall, and a number of the beginners have been meeting in the Octagon for an hour or so one or two evenings in the week for a little extra practice.

Bicycling is a great feature this season. Heretofore there was little riding done and many have not brought their wheels on that account. If the rain would just stop long enough for the roads to get into thoroughly good condition, it would be one of the foremost entertainments of the place. As it is, the roadway between here and Cassadaga village is usually good within an hour or two after a rain and scarcely a day passes that a party does not take the trip.

The Centennial Celebration of Chautauqua County, took place at Westfield, June 24 and 25. Mrs. Carrie E. S. Twing gave a very interesting address on the history of Cassadaga Camp, which we reproduce in part in this issue and will complete in the next. It was listened to with respectful attention by those present and we consider it quite an item that Spiritualism was accorded as respectful a hearing as was the report of Chautauqua. A number of people attended from this vicinity. A party of four went over on bicycles from here but a heavy rain

storm compelled them to return on the train.

The depot has been moved and will present quite a changed appearance to the summer visitors. It has been placed about twelve feet east of the train shed which has also been moved back about four feet, the platform torn out and filled in with two walks and cinders between them. This arrangement will save all travel through the mud to and from the depot which has been so unpleasant in the past.

Moses Hull took a trip to Whitewater, Wis., on business connected with the Morris Pratt Institute. He reports the prospects for the school exceedingly bright and an assured success.

Mrs. J. H. Champlin is enjoying a visit from her sister, Mrs. J. A. Hollister, of Madison, S. D., whom she has not seen for twenty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ross, of Knowlesville, have purchased the DeMilt property on Second avenue where they will spend most of the summer. They have greatly improved the place.

Josh Ramsdell and family leave for New York City, July 2, where he will have charge of the engraving department of McClure's printing house.

The Association has made an innovation this season by having a fine illustrated program printed. It is in pamphlet form and copies can be secured from any of the officers or by sending 2¢ stamp to A. E. Gaston, secretary, Meadville, Pa.

### ARRIVED.

We cannot give a complete list of arrivals as many come whom we do not know about. Among those who have arrived since our last issue are: Wm. H. Hughes and son, who spent over a week with us; Mrs. Renner, who has opened her cottage on North street, she has been quite sick but is now improving. Miss E. Keenan who has reopened her store on Fourth avenue and will carry a complete line of ladies' furnishings. Mrs. Maggie Sparks, Mrs. Klein, Mrs. Dimmock, Mrs. Devereaux, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Richards, Mrs. Ada Allen and son, June, D. B. Richardson, who will run an ice cream parlor in the lower part of the Richardson cottage, Mr. and Mrs. Lees, Mrs. Lees being better known as Mrs. Zoller, a test medium from Washington, D. C. They have engaged rooms in the Sage cottage, 6 Cottage avenue.

### OBITUARY.

Dr. Dumont C. Dake passed to spirit life from New York City June 20, of acute Bright's disease. He had traveled in his work all winter and his transition was rather unexpected. No details have been received. Dr. had been an attendant at Lily Dale for several seasons and was well known as a healer.

### MISS CORA RAMBO.

The many friends of this estimable lady will be pained to learn that she passed to spirit life from the home of Mrs. J. Bickler, at Los Angeles, Cal., March 24. The nature of her disease was peculiar and she had traveled extensively in her efforts to regain health but failed to find it. She will be greatly missed at camp where she was a central figure at the Forest Temple meetings where her vocal powers were so often given for the benefit of those gathered.

By her request her remains were cremated and the ashes returned to the family lot for burial. The family hold in kind remembrance the many courtesies extended to her by Mrs. Bickler who proved a friend in this trying hour.

### MARRIED.

F. Corden White, the well known test medium, was united in marriage to Miss Effie D. McKerron, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Wm. D. McKerron, at Arcade, N. Y., June 18, Rev. John Sayles, of East Aurora, N. Y., officiating. They received a number of kind remembrances from friends and after spending a few days in Buffalo came to Lily Dale for the summer where Mr. White has a fine home. All join in wishing them the best of success and happiness in their new life.

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## PROGRAM OF THE CASSADAGA CAMP FOR 1902.

### JULY.

Fri. 11—Founders' Day. Opening Exercises. Carrie E. S. Twing.  
Sat. 12—Moses Hull.  
Sun. 13—Carrie E. S. Twing, Moses Hull.  
Mon. 14—Conference.  
Tues. 15—Rev. Henry Frank.  
Wed. 16—Moses Hull.

Thur. 17—Miss Lizzie Harlow.  
Fri. 18—Prof. W. M. Lockwood, Carrie E. S. Twing.  
Sat. 19—Rev. Henry Frank.  
Sun. 20—Miss Lizzie Harlow, J. Clegg Wright.  
Mon. 21—Conference.  
Tues. 22—Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond.  
Wed. 23—Rev. F. A. Wiggins.  
Thur. 24—Miss Lizzie Harlow.  
Fri. 25—Rev. F. A. Wiggins.  
Sat. 26—Prof. W. M. Lockwood.  
Sun. 27—Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond.  
Mon. 28—Conference.  
Tues. 29—J. Clegg Wright.  
Wed. 30—Mrs. Clara Watson.  
Thur. 31—Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond.

### AUGUST.

Fri. 1—Lyman C. Howe.  
Sat. 2—Prof. W. M. Lockwood.  
Sun. 3—Lyman C. Howe, Hon. John J. Lentz.  
Mon. 4—Mrs. Loe F. Prior.  
Tues. 5—J. Clegg Wright.  
Wed. 6—Labor Day. Mrs. Loe F. Prior, Hon. John J. Lentz.  
Thur. 7—Lyman C. Howe.  
Fri. 8—Charles Brodie Patterson.  
Sat. 9—Charles Brodie Patterson.  
Sun. 10—Prof. W. M. Lockwood, Rev. Anna H. Shaw.  
Mon. 11—Mrs. Grace Orr.  
Tues. 12—H. D. Barrett.  
Wed. 13—Woman's Day. Rev. Anna H. Shaw.  
Thur. 14—H. D. Barrett.  
Fri. 15—W. J. Colville.  
Sat. 16—J. Clegg Wright.  
Sun. 17—Rev. B. F. Austin, Rev. Anna H. Shaw.  
Mon. 18—Canadian Day. Rev. B. F. Austin.  
Tues. 19—Rev. B. F. Austin.  
Wed. 20—W. J. Colville.  
Thur. 21—Rev. B. F. Austin.  
Fri. 22—Thomas Grimshaw.  
Sat. 23—Prof. W. M. Lockwood.  
Sun. 24—Thomas Grimshaw, W. J. Colville.

## MEDIUMS WHO WILL ATTEND.

### Tests.

F. Corden White.  
Mrs. M. S. Seymour.  
Mrs. Helen M. Sage.  
Mrs. Maria Carpenter.  
Mrs. Nellie Warren.  
Mrs. M. A. Enches.  
Mrs. L. G. Read.  
Mrs. E. H. Thompson.  
Mrs. Maggie Turner.  
Mrs. Cora B. Noyes.  
Mrs. M. C. Adams.  
Mrs. R. W. Barton.  
Mrs. M. J. Crilley.  
Estelle F. Baillet.  
Mrs. Mary Ramsdell.  
Mrs. A. M. Bronn.  
Charles S. Hulbert.  
Mrs. Koller-Lees.

### Healers.

S. J. Richardson.  
W. D. Noyes.  
Albert W. Wadsworth.  
Mrs. Mattie Rector.  
Mrs. A. A. Cawcroft.  
Agnes Heaton.  
Mrs. S. W. Craig.

### Trumpet Mediums.

Mrs. Wreidt.

### Materializing.

Winans & Norman.  
Mrs. N. D. Miller-Wilcox.  
D. B. Jimerson.

### Physical Seances.

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D. B. Jimerson.  
H. Pettibone.

### Slate Writing.

Winans & Norman.  
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H. Pettibone.

### Spirit Paintings.

Bangs Sisters.

### Spirit Photographs.

W. M. Keeler.

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## NIRVANA AND THE DOCTRINE OF GOTAMA BUDDHA.

J. P. COOKE.

A careful study of Buddhism has shown that this great religion—the accepted doctrine of more than one third of the human race—may be aptly called the Protestantism of the East. It arose from the efforts of Gotama to right the wrongs of the masses and to check the growing evils of priestcraft and the tyranny of Ecclesiasticism. He said, "My doctrine is a law of grace, (mercy) for all."

To apprehend it aright we must remember to what it was opposed. Pantheism, the doctrine of the universality of God, may be viewed from opposite sides. From one aspect it may be looked at as a religion in which everything vanishes in God, from another aspect as a religion in which everything, stocks and stones and etc., is consecrated by the ever-presence of God.

But though both forms of religion begin from a common pantheistic origin, Brahmanism may be considered as the undue exaggeration of the finite. Buddhism, on the contrary, in its reaction against that view, may be viewed as the recall of the spiritual nature of man; to that elevation above the finite from which in its undue deification of material and sensuous things, the former religion had fallen away, and abuses had crept in.

When you begin by saying that the natural world is all illusion—a mirage—and the Spirit or God is the only reality you cannot consistently return and say that all things are God. The Brahmin teaching is that only by abstraction from the finite, by the mental annulling of the forms of phenomena of a world which is nothing but illusion, can we get near to God.

It is true that God is the Inner-life and Being of the universe and of every being in it, which, indeed, He controls through His own law grasping the inner-life.

The living light is the very opposite of the atomic darkness of things, or the "outer darkness" of dissolving nature. What absolutely is, is a conscious spirit subject in synthesis with one or more objects. The universal and the particular in cognition are also in all essential respects the universal and the particular in actual existence, or expressed more popularly, the conclusion is unavoidable that every true and absolute existence is a consciousness-together-with-its-contents, whatever these contents may be. God Himself is conscious of some state or condition in every act of knowledge. The Divine Ego is the *summum genus* of existence, no less than of cognition.

Gotama never thought of denying the inner-life of all things; the sane, Divine constitution of Nature. He denies the imputation of Atheism as an ignorant misconception. He says: "When I lived on earth and taught my disciples as to the relations which the soul maintained towards the Creative Power, I found belief in this principle of Re-incarnation of the spirit, so firmly implanted that I deemed it better not to try to remove it by contradiction although I seriously doubted it, but rather hoped, by directing the mind to the attainment of Nirvana, to enable it to outgrow the influence of the old thought, and thus transfer it from the field of human speculation. I taught that the spirit perfected from the desire of the physical life, and freed from the bondage of sensual passion, imbued with the principles of kindness and beneficence, and emancipated from the influence of anger or revenge, would escape all the necessities of any further embodiment upon earth. I did not teach that its relief would be extinction, nor that the spirit could escape from the condition that would be, to all practical effects upon it, a new incarnation, for some of the wiser minds in spirit that I received ideas from did not deny this when I questioned them, but I sought to raise the thought of my disciples to a loftier ideal than the old doctrines, without wholly denying them."

His doctrine of Re-incarnation was existence in another body and in another sphere of life, though still, perhaps adjacent to this earth. A finer body but still a material-body to all intents and purposes.

Thus Gotama taught a noble spiritual or ethical ideal. Instead of adapting his doctrine to the spirit of the age and the prejudices of Indian Society, it seemed purposely contrived to revolt the class antipathies and jealousies which had rooted themselves for ages in the Hindu mind and to arouse, at once, the hostility of the civil and Ecclesiastical

powers whose authority it assailed, and of the people to whom that authority was sacred.

Instead of pondering to the selfish instincts by the proffer of a cheap relief from the stings of conscience, of temporal advantages or of futurity of sensuous bliss, it demanded, as the prime condition of salvation, the renunciation of the only pleasures which most men care for; and as the reward of austere self-mortification, it held forth the prospect—to the majority, of a long series of future penitential existences in human or other post-mortem forms—While to the few it showed the possibility of a near entrance on that *summum bonum* of Buddhist blessedness, "Nirvana" which is practically the angel life in the immediate atmosphere and presence of God—Pure Light and Blessedness. The Celestial world of our modern philosophy.

True the world has wonderfully advanced since that day, in the means for diffusing knowledge. Today enlightenment may be the gift of all who truly seek it. But even if Buddha's discovery meant no more than this: that the salvation, happiness, blessedness—the good—call it what you will, which is the end or goal of Spiritual Life, consists not in outward condition, but in inward character, and is to be sought, not in a future heaven which is the arbitrary reward of piety, but, whether here or hereafter, in superiority to all selfish and sensuous desires and passions in the inward heaven of the spiritualized mind—even then I say—it is a doctrine not so universally accepted and acted on in our own day, that we can afford to continue it or cheapen it as if it were trite and common-place. John Caird, of Glasgow has written a very able monograph on this aspect of Buddhism, to which earnest students are directed. He says, "It is the singular merit of Buddhism, whatever view we take of the ultimate end to which it pointed as constituting the salvation of man, that the way by which it taught men to reach that end was simply that of purification and moral goodness."

"The highest insight is not that which can be measured by an intellectual standard; but it is of little use only to know that what is of supreme importance is the change of heart and spirit. The personal reformation of the life; the attitude of the will to realize the good, to actualize that which is worthy of actualization, this was his practical aim. This was his glory to pass on in kindness to any willing hand, the touch of truth. He has indeed attained to a noble brotherhood in the spirit by helping others forward on the true path—The true way of life."

His whole doctrine and life work is admirably epitomized in his first and last sermon, which I am glad to append to this article. For this we are indebted to Mr. T. W. Rhys Davids.

In these short studies—which are really mere appreciations of the great world religions, we are continually reminded of that which all are so likely to forget, namely the value of the higher sentiments: Those phases of the inner-life of the soul. The emotional functions.

As A. B. Frothingham, has said so well: "In our endeavor to make everything plain, to put away superstition, to dash idols, to expose hypocrisy and fraud, to drag divine things out of the dark and show precisely what they are, to convict the priesthood of falsity, to show that the altars are but common stone, in our endeavors to do this—an endeavor which must be persevered in to the very end, although the process be exceedingly bitter, are we not prone to forget that, after all, the real influence of religion must turn upon its power to keep hovering over the minds of men these evanescent sentiments of awe, wonder, reverence, aspiration, which should be at work all the time, lifting up men and women above the level of prosaic life. Science is not religion; philosophy is not religion; business is not religion; morality is not religion. Religion is the love of goodness. Religion is that fine quality which stimulates when we are faint, consoles when we are happy, steals into our minds when they are vacant and distressed."

No prosaic religion holds its place long in the world. It satisfies the intellect but starves the heart. We want something that nobody can fully understand, not because it is out of the reach of intelligence, but because it is too subtle, like music, for the thought to lay hold on—something to be caught on the wing, something for the heart to love, for the soul to worship.

It must ever be our hope and our earnest endeavor amid all our efforts to tear the mask from the face of pretence and to expose it for the sham that it so

often is, to show how, behind all these symbols and forms there are lovely visions of beauty, of sublimity and truth, which play sweetly on the surface of the noblest human sensibility.

### THE FOUNDATION OF THE KINGDOM OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Gautama's First and Last Sermon.

There are two extremes which the man who has devoted himself to the higher life ought not to follow: the habitual practice on the one hand, of those things whose attraction depends upon the passions, and especially of sensuality, a low and pagan way of seeking gratification, unworthy and unprofitable, and fit only for the worldly or carnal minded; and the habitual practice, on the other hand, of asceticism (self-mortification), which is not only painful, but as unworthy and unprofitable as the other.

But Tathugata has discovered a middle way or path, avoiding the two extremes—a path which opens the eyes and bestows understanding, which leads to peace of mind to the higher wisdom, to full enlightenment; in a word to Nirvana. And this path is the noble eight-fold path. That is to say: Right views, upright conduct, intellectual activity, high aims, harmless livelihood, earnest thought, kindly speech, perseverance in well-doing.

Birth is attended with pain; and so are decay and disease and death. Union with the unpleasant is painful; and separation from the pleasant, and any craving unsatisfied, are conditions of sorrow. This means that where the conditions of individuality are there are conditions of sorrow. This is the first truth about sorrow.

The cause of sorrow is the thirst, or craving, which causes the renewal of individual existence, is accompanied by evil and is ever seeking satisfaction, now here, now there—the craving either for sensual gratification or for continued existence or for cessation of existence. This is the noble truth concerning the origin of sorrow.

The deliverance from sorrow is the complete destruction, laying aside, getting rid of, being free from, the harboring no longer of this passionate craving. This is the noble truth concerning the destruction of sorrow. The path that

leads to the destruction of sorrow is the noble eight-fold path alone—Right views, etc. This is the noble truth concerning the path which leads to the destruction of sorrow.

### EXPLANATORY.

First, as in the severance from what it loves, or in the union with what it hates, there with the assertion of the individuality is found the production of pain; i. e., the truth of sorrow. Second its cause is a strange and almost irresistible craving felt by each to gratify in various ways, but especially in lust of flesh, lust of life, an attempt to escape the consequences of separation. Finite being, partial, fractional, painful here and painful there, and any craving for continued existence will be a hindrance, not a help on the path to true salvation. The third protest is against the doctrine, "Let us eat, drink, etc., for tomorrow we die." If you have progressed so far as to discard the current notion of a soul, cast not all scruples to the winds, devote not yourself to the gratification of the baser capabilities. This would be to escape one evil and fall into a greater. Get rid of the delusion of your personality, but it would be wrong to attempt to escape its responsibilities. It is only the base and cowardly whom the struggle against the lust of life or the sense of evils of existence can drive to suicide or despair. The true corollary from the second truth is the third. Conquer the evils of life by the destruction of the craving from which they spring: i. e., by the fourth cultivation of the opposite condition of mind—kindness, self-culture, and self-control. This middle path will open the eyes of the understanding, will lead to peace of mind, the higher wisdom, to complete enlightenment; in a word, Nirvana.

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## WILL POWER.

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"If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it shall obey you." Luke xvii. 6.

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Faith, or self-confidence is the key-stone of success in controlling people. Remember, you must, to succeed, cultivate self-confidence. You must show by your voice, your expression of face, your walk and your dress, that you are of strong will. A continued line of thought will result in physical changes of the body. If you believe you have not got self-confidence, you must relieve your mind of this idea at once. How can you do it? By not allowing the thought of your unbelief to linger in your mind, and by making affirmations of success and self-confidence.

Each morning and evening in the privacy of your room repeat this formula three times:

1. I am healthy and happy.
2. I will develop great will power.
3. I will succeed in impressing my thoughts on others.
4. I will be pure in life and use my power for the benefit of humanity.
5. I will succeed in unfolding great personal influence.
6. I will succeed in controlling my body; and I will conquer each and every bad habit.

Don't be a failure. Increase your own power by rejecting all bad habits, and strengthen your body by eating pure foods and indulging, not in intoxicating liquors but by invigorating, healthful exercises. Above all, do not become a fanatic. Do not go to extremes.

Practice the affirmations as here given;

live as you should live, and you will develop a strong will. You cannot, if you follow the instructions herein contained, fail to increase your power of will. You will increase by degrees, and little by little you will see the result of your thought. Powers or gifts given to us without a due preparation of training, are valueless.

Don't cast this aside and think that by paying out dollars to instructors, you will get some philosopher's stone or occult preparation that will make you invincible. The power of will, is: Have faith and self-confidence; listen, not to your doubts of ability, but exert your latent power; the divine spark of creative energy, and say, "I will that it be so."

## HEALTH.

Health is a question of intelligence. The body always obeys the mandates of the mind or the will. Matter as matter has no function. It is inert, non-intelligent and insensate. The outward is governed by the inward. Mind is the great dynamic force of which things are the crystallized aspects.

Every thought we think manifests itself on the body. Whatever the body is, we have laid the foundation for its structure. We can remodel it. Wouldn't it be a funny state of affairs if man had no control over his own body? Well, he has, when he knows how to control it. Until that time it masters him, and why wouldn't it? We can remodel our body, but we can never prevent our thoughts from expressing themselves upon our bodies. So you see that in order to create good bodies we must start with good thoughts — and is not this reasonable? "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." If our bodies are discordant we can commence to delineate a perfect conception of ourselves and refuse to entertain a distorted idea of ourselves and proportionately as we realize our perfection will the body conform to it. It is bound to do so, for the body is subject to the will of the individual.

You can have what you want in this universe if you know how to get it, and the way to get it is to claim the best for yourself and to always expect the best to come to you.

Take the initiative into your own hands and know that you are neither controlled by the past, assisted by the future nor a victim of the discords of the present. Start from today with a determination that you are the full and complete complement of the divine being, and then make everything outside measure up to your divine standard — make it, we say.

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## KEY THOUGHTS.

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The mind works best and with least friction when moistened with the oil of Peace.

Nothing in the universe really exists for the individual unless he has made it a part of his consciousness. Consciousness is, therefore, the all in all.

It is with new truths as it is with gems in the rough — ignorance passes them by as of no value. When they have been cut and polished they command the admiration of the world.

I can send out my thoughts to all peoples; they can cross all oceans and dominate all continents, if they are backed by Divine Energy of Love and Wisdom. My thoughts are the spiritual part of me, and therefore can be in ten thousand places at the same time, while my body can only be in one place at a time. I am a god only through my spiritual being. Through my body alone I am a mere animal man.

There is no lack of spiritual power; it surrounds us on every hand; but there is a lack of capacity to inspire it. It is not for lack of air that the dying man cannot breathe, but for lack of his capacity to assimilate it. All the elements — physical, mental and spiritual — that have been or ever will be in the universe are in it now. It is merely a question of wisdom to know how to employ and use them.

## LIFE IN THE CELESTIAL REALMS.

Aspiration is the soul's grasp to higher conditions of life. Is the stimulant to soul upliftment. Is the measurement by which the gradation of the soul may be computed. By and through the exercise of this form of expression may the soul's unfoldment be accomplished.

This aspiration of the soul, may be conscious or unconscious to the individual entity, but we do assure you that a conscious effort may be and always is, highly beneficial, while the aspiration goes out after a betterment of spiritual unfoldment. Not, "just as I am," but show me the way that I may rise above the grossness of life. To all such true aspirations will the answer be given. Oftimes you fail to receive from the spirit world as much as you think you should, if it were possible to receive it all, and fail to understand that it is your own lack of soul upliftment that makes it impossible for you to receive the coveted blessings. Through some mentalities we can give much more, than through some others. Not because of superior mentality but because of psychic unfoldment, some set of faculties is more keenly alert, (though perhaps all unknown to the individual) thus giving to us an open doorway, through which we may bring to you knowledge of our presence, and ability to give to you our thoughts, even though we are no longer clothed about with materiality. Sometimes we can only produce pictures of ourselves as we were in earth life, and sometimes various other phenomena, but friends we shall never cease to give you ample proof of our presence in your midst, and loving messages of remembrance, to heal breaking hearts and allay, or quash your fears altogether. For when you all come to a knowledge of the philosophy of life, and correct understanding of the uses of life and the product thereof, fear will no longer be a human attribute.

It is well, in the still undeveloped state of the human family that fear of death is natural to you, otherwise would the incentives to care for the material body be lacking and you would lose that which you should have, experience. We do wish you to cease to fear the experiences yours to have in this larger expression of life, but shrink not the duties of the material life, and use well the fleeting moments as they pass.

Then will your earth experiences have been completed and you be prepared for more advanced experiences. Joy shall fill to the brim the cup pressed to the lips of those who fulfill well the duties of life, and give bountifully to weary despondent ones, of life's sunshine. It is more necessary than aught else beside that you know how to use the hours of earth life in an acceptable manner, that thy own consciousness may not upbraid thee, and that thou shrinketh not from the companionship of those who have made of their lives a thing sublime.

Because of inconsistencies are many plunged into mental darkness, both in the material and the spiritual life, and to try to lift these shadows is the work of many of exalted souls in the celestial realms. Where error is, there is the field of duty, and many harvests of weeds must be garnered ere the soil will produce fit seed to nourish the souls of men. Meantime, Oh, ye of earth life, who have received divine illumination, neglect not that which will hasten the glad time, when the weeds of error shall have been uprooted, and all understand the infinities of life, so far as can be taught to mortals.

The first step is to thoroughly prove the immortality of the soul, or in other words individualized life after the so-called death of the physical.

Many do so believe of the teachings of the book called the Bible, and many repudiate that as an established truth because of the errors therein, which blot its fair escutcheon, and leave the doubter in blank despair. And if he turn to the lately heralded truth, of spirit return and intelligent manifestation through the media of today, he may still face a wall inaccessible because of the fraudulent practices of many masquerading as mediums. Oh that such conditions were not, is the cry of all true lovers of humanity.

Good and true mediums are the greatest boons to mortals given, for through them may ye know of life in all its phases and that the horror of annihilation, or everlasting torment is but a nightmare dream, while through them, may you clasp hands with your beloved ones lost to you in the mortal form, through them may you know of all the

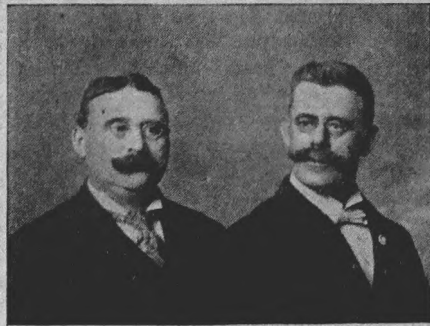
vexed problems which have so haunted you concerning the life in the spirit world, I cannot say heaven for that would not cover the entire experiences which may be related to you. Heaven, meaning a state of beatitude, can only be attained when the decarnate one has worked and lifted himself free from the grossness of life, for friends, you enter the spiritual realms just as you are and by stages of mental and spiritual unfoldment attain the higher altitude of thought and perceive the beauties before unveiled, because of your own spiritual blindness.

But this journey of the soul in the higher life is nothing to dread, and if you rightly understand something concerning it ere your feet touch the shining strand, you will be that much better prepared to understand the experiences before you and how to proceed to progress rapidly to higher planes of thought and spiritual upliftment.

Pond mother do you wonder how your baby looks? Think of him as you could imagine him to be had he stayed with you until now, for the spirit world holds no dwarfs, each attains to normal stature, and the mental attainments are unfolded by wise competent and loving teachers.

Those who in earth life, suffered with physical deformities, are made glad by pure whole and perfectly developed forms like unto those perfect in stature in earth life. The imperfections of the material life, are left behind and gladness and beauty clothe all our surroundings with a halo of light, and life is as a beautiful dream made perfect in the joy of glad reality.

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## MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS.

It is a strange thing that the majority of people cannot mind their own business. About this season of the year, those who have to work ten to sixteen hours a day six days out of the week feel as though they wanted to get out and enjoy some of the pleasures that are enjoyed by those whose time is not so occupied and they attempt to play ball, golf, go bicycle riding, have picnics, etc. Right here comes in a class of fanatics and under the obnoxious "Sunday Laws," arrest them for taking that outdoor exercise that is necessary for their health and as a relaxation.

Every Monday the papers are full of arrests made by fanatical people, mostly women and preachers.

It is too bad that these preachers can not be made to go out and do six hard days labor each week for a few months, then they would learn what it means to be bound down. They can choose their time to go out for recreation and although they do not labor but fifty-two days in the year, they always secure from four to six weeks vacation, thus cutting down their Sunday work to about forty-six to forty-eight days out of the year. During the rest of the time, they can devote themselves to reading, going fishing, hunting, playing ball if they want to, without in any way interfering with their labors while the labor they do is so slight that they would not suffer if they had no vacation.

If the preachers went to work and the fanatical women had to do their own housework, they would have less time to devote to attending to the business of others. In fact, it would help them to mind their own business.

## LEGACIES TO SOCIETIES.

In one of our exchanges we find a very practical article on the above subject lamenting the fact that so little money is left by our wealthy people to propagate Spiritualism.

While we do not wish to harp on the disorganized condition of the Spiritualists of the country, we think that a more thorough organization and less attention to individual favorites with more attention to the abilities of those whom we present to the people as our representatives, would result in a greater amount of money being left to the movement.

Like all other propositions Spiritualism as presented to the world has two aspects. It must present its logical aspect to the people to appeal to them in a religious way and build them up on a basis of unity; then it must present itself to them in society form on a practical business basis.

The first part must come through the better development and education of our public workers—whether they are mediums and speak "by the spirit" or prepare the lectures.

The second part is probably the most difficult. Too many of our societies have been officered by those who were not suited to the position, because they happened to live in our neighborhood and we wanted to keep in with them, or because they were our personal favorites. The only thing to be considered in officering a society is whether the person

suggested is suitable for the position or not.

When a person is suggested for an official position in a society the members should ask themselves these questions in a careful and candid manner and act upon it: Does he or she bear such a reputation as will reflect credit on the society? Are the personal habits of the individual such as will not bring us into disrepute? Is the person suitable in other ways? Can he preside at meetings with dignity if called upon to do so? What business qualifications has he? Would I want to give my business into his hands? If not, he is hardly suitable to handle my society business. Such practical questions, and officers engaged on that basis, will put Spiritualistic societies where people will not be afraid to give them money, and more good will be done.

At the present time we call to mind a society which has had a donation through a will. Now that they have the money, they cannot agree on the location of the building they propose to get for their use. In that same city are others who are able to give something to Spiritualism; but is this an example that will encourage the people in making wills that they will expect to engender strife?

Spiritualists must be practical. It will do for some people to indulge in metaphysical phantasies and build mythical castles, but when it comes to handling cash, it is not this class who are a success at it. It must come right down to a plain practical basis or your time and money are wasted. Not one business man in a hundred could conduct his business six months if he did not handle it on a more practical basis than the greater proportion of our societies are handled, and when we consider this, it is no wonder that we do not get more legacies and endowments than we do.

First of all put Spiritualism on a plain, practical basis. It is different from anything else in the world. The "angel world" may possibly "take care of Spiritualism," but it wants something right down on the practical everyday earth to take care of Spiritualists and Spiritualistic societies. Just as soon as we reach that point in our development, when we educate our speakers and leaders; when we deal on practical lines; just so soon will we have what all other denominations have—a practical plan of propaganda and cash, the sinews of war, to carry it on with.

Religions have lost by being impractical. Christianity has tried to force belief and the day has been when people said they "believed because the thing was impossible." That is not the case today, with the majority of the people. They want some reason for believing or they will not believe. They want to know something about the stability of the society and the ability back of it before they give money. If Spiritualists would observe this they would find much less trouble about organizing and maintaining societies and public meetings. With ten cents at the door too many feel they have done their whole duty when they pay it and occasionally patronize a phenomenal medium. Put your Spiritualism on the same basis that you do your business and your success will be much greater.

## Lake Brady Camp.

Kindly announce in your next issue that regardless of reports to the contrary Lake Brady Camp will open July 13th and close August 31st, 1902, with the following speakers: J. J. Brittain, Anna Robinson Gillespie, Mrs. Amanda Coffman, F. D. Donakin, D. A. Herrick, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Carpenter. C. H. Figuers, Mrs. Nellie C. Mosier, Mrs. H. C. Eberhouser, Mrs. M. A. Murray, C. J. Barnes, Mrs. Amelia Cooper, are among the mediums who will be in attendance.

The summer resort and hotel are under the direct management of Mr. Warren Lane. All persons wanting cottages, tents, rooms, or anything connected with the resort should address him direct at Lake Brady, via. Kent, O.

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For program and particulars address  
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Akron, O.

## GONE BEFORE.

There is a beautiful face in the silent air,  
That follows me ever and near,  
With smiling eyes and soft brown hair,  
With voiceless lips, yet with breath of prayer  
That I feel but cannot hear.

The beautiful hand and smile so cold,  
Lie low in a marble sleep;  
I stretch my hand for a clasp of old,  
But the empty air is strangely cold—  
And my vigil alone I keep.

There's a sinless brow with a radiant crown,  
And a cross laid down in the dust;  
There's a smile where never a smile comes now,  
And tears no more from those dear eyes flow—  
So sweet in their innocent trust.

There's a beautiful region above the skies,  
And I long to reach its shore—  
For I know I shall find my treasures there,  
The laughing eyes and soft brown hair  
Of the loved one gone before.  
—Margaret Felt, in Buffalo Times.

## Waukesha Camp.

Will you allow me to again use the columns of your valuable paper in presenting the following to its many readers?

The time for the opening of the Waukesha camp is rapidly approaching, and the program nearing completion. It will be wise for those who intend to visit this camp to take time by the forelock, and make application for their tents as soon as possible. By so doing all confusion will be avoided, and you can come to the camp and find your tent in readiness for you. To all who have made a request for programs I will say, they will be ready in a few days, and will be sent to you at once.

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There is no better place in the country than Waukesha, to spend your holidays, and those who visit us there will be well repaid.

Such talent as Moses and Mattie Hull, Harrison D. Barrett, Will C. Hodge, Geo. W. and Zaida B. Kates, Catherine McFarlane, Dr. Nellie C. Mosier and President Stewart and others who will be in attendance, is enough to assure the excellence of the camp. These will combine forces at Waukesha, and make one of the strongest and most attractive kind of programs. Added to this are the Parker and Bowen musicians who will discourse the finest music.

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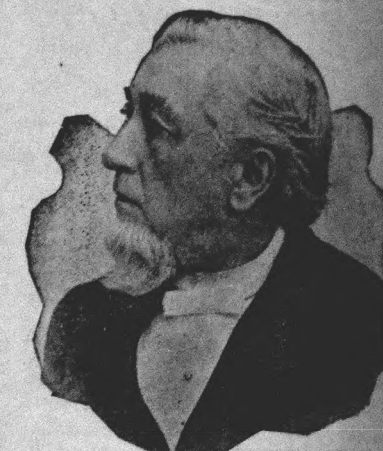
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**CORRESPONDENTS** will please remember that **THE SUNFLOWER** goes to press and is mailed the day it is dated. In order to ensure insertion communications should reach us two days in advance and if of any length, earlier than that.

H. Pettibone and wife have been meeting with success at Columbus, O. They will spend the summer at Lily Dale, occupying the same cottage at 4 Cottage Ave., that they have occupied for several years past.

Lyman C. Howe is filling engagements in Michigan. He will spend a good part of the season at Lily Dale. His eyes have prevented him from doing as much work on the History of Spiritualism as he has wished to, but the work is progressing. It will probably take two or more years to complete the work.

Mrs. M. McLellan, 522 Elk Street, Dunkirk, N. Y., writes that she would like to find some good woman, a Spiritualist, who would like a home. One who would appreciate a good home more than large wages, and if the arrangement was satisfactory on both sides might be a permanent home for some deserving woman. Address her as above but only by mail.

Miss Margaret Gaule, 135 W. 104th Street, New York City, writes: "I wish through the columns of the press to thank the many secretaries of camp meetings throughout the U. S. for their kind invitations to fill their rostrums part of their camp season. Ill-health and grief over the loss of a favorite brother and dear mother who have just passed over prevents her writing to each and under this disadvantage is compelled to take a much needed rest until September. She then commences work at Pittsburg, Pa., after which she returns to New York to remain until the season closes. She regrets the necessity of cancelling her whole season's work at Lily Dale and sends best wishes for a prosperous season and that all mediums will have success and do their best work."

H. A. Budington writes: "Lake Pleasant Campmeeting will open August 3 and close the 31. The opening address will be by President Dailey followed by remarks by Albert P. Blinn. The following speakers will be in attendance: Mrs. Tillie O. Reynolds, Moses Hull, Carrie E. S. Twing, Blanche Brainerd, Sarah Byrnes, C. Fannie Allyn, May Pepper, Francis E. Mason, and others. Every Sunday there will be a band concert by a full military band of twenty-five pieces and a smaller band will be in attendance every day. Vocal music will be furnished by the celebrated Ladies Schubert Quartet, of Boston. There will be dancing in the Pavilion or Temple on week day nights, a competent orchestra having been engaged to furnish music. Now that the electric cars run from Greenfield, Turner's Falls, and Miller's Falls, the dancing people in those places will have an opportunity to return at a seasonable hour. The Boston & Maine railroad will run excursions to the Lake if sufficient patronage is assured. Those wishing programs can procure them by addressing with stamp, A. P. Blinn, Lake Pleasant, Mass."

A letter from Bangs Sisters informs us that on account of very important business matters they will not be able to attend the fore part of the camp at Lily Dale, but expect to be in attendance the last three weeks.

Moses and Mattie E. Hull will leave Lily Dale in July. Mrs. Hull going to Wonewoc camp where she is to speak and take charge of the Lyceum while Moses will fill his engagements on the Cassadaga Camp program and then visit other camps. September will see them ensconced in their new home at Whitewater, Wis. where the first session of the Morris Pratt Institute will begin early in October. The society in Buffalo was very sorry to lose them and everything possible was done to retain their services. As Mr. Hull has been an ardent exponent of education, he felt that he could not allow the opportunity of securing the Morris Pratt Institute for the benefit of Spiritualism to go by and therefore concluded to accept the presidency.

## WHY HE RAPPED.

It is probable that peddler,  
Who kept rapping at the door,  
Between the earth and heaven,  
Had been tapping thus before.  
For a person who will peddle  
O'er the land his pack of wares,  
Must be rapping, and be tapping  
Or folks taking unawares.  
When the land was sparsely settled,  
Peddlers tramped the country o'er  
With their drygoods and their notions,  
Or a kind of travelling store.  
And they had to be persistent  
Or be rated under par,  
So they always kept a rapping  
Till the door was thrown ajar.  
He had found the thing all wanted  
And the goods he would supply.  
He had got the information,  
That the spirit does not die.  
So he tried these little children  
And by rapping o'er and o'er,  
He persuaded them to listen  
To the peddler at the door.  
No one else but little children  
In those days of devil fear,  
Would have listened to those rappings,  
With a philosophic ear.  
For those filled with superstition  
Would have fled in awful fright,  
And the peddlers first, small message  
Would have failed to come that night.  
DR. T. WILKINS.

## NOTES FROM G. H. BROOKS.

It has been my intention writing to the many friends through the columns of the **SUNFLOWER** ere this, but I have not had the time. There has been so many things for me to look after about the home, being gone as I am so much, makes my work hard when I do return, but on the whole I enjoy it, as it is a complete change from the work I have been engaged in for so many months. I have a little over a half acre, and I have all kinds of fruit on the place, besides raising all my vegetables, that with many other things that crowd themselves into one's life, makes me more than busy.

I returned from my season's work after the last Sunday in April. I have not been home to stay much of any since the 10th of last July; so you can see from that I am not home so very much. I began the lecture season with five months' work at Newport, Ky., a new Society in one sense, having only been in existence for three years, yet in that time had built them a beautiful Temple.

The work in Newport was not only very pleasant but successful, in more ways than one. There was a feeling of paternal fellowship established between the audience and speaker which made it more than pleasant. The Society is gaining in power and influence, and the time is not far distant when they will be a marked power not only in Newport, but in that section of the country. There have been some of the active members who have passed away recently, whom the Society will miss very much, but it will unite them all the more, in the good work before them.

I lectured in Milwaukee, Wis., for two months, for the Unity Society, a society that was organized in my rooms eight years ago, and where I have spoken, and spoken. I have many dear friends in Milwaukee, friends of many years standing, and Milwaukee is in many ways like a home to me. Many times wished it was my home in truth, but it never has been. The work there was also very successful. I never had better audiences than when in Milwaukee this time.

Max Huffman followed me for two months, and I see by a late *Progressive Thinker* he is to remain for June. I am glad the society is to remain open, as it shows there is a marked interest in the cause of Spiritualism in a city largely given over to amusements.

I am to speak at the Grand Ledge, Mich., Camp from August 2d to the 8th, inclusive. I look forward to my return to Michigan with much pleasure, as that state used to be in days gone by one of my fields of labor, and for years I served as chairman at Haslet Park Camp. I expect to meet many old friends, and also many new ones.

I shall enjoy my quiet and rest this season, for it has been many years since I have had one. I shall go away some later in the season, but not to remain any length of time. I send my kindly greetings to one and all, and my prayer is, that this summer may be one of upliftment; that the camps everywhere may be places for spirit communion in spirit and in truth. Truly the well wisher of all,  
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Will you kindly give space to the following correction, and announcement of the Wonewoc Camp:

The program for this camp is now complete, and the printed announcements ready for distribution. A program of the highest order has been arranged with the following well known talent in attendance at the camp: Moses and Mattie Hull, Mrs. Catherine McFarlane, Mrs. Edna Ford-Pierce, Mrs. Clara L. Stewart, J. S. Maxwell, Will J. Erwood, Francis Wheeler, Ella Johnson-Bloom, Alice Wickstrom and Dr. Nellie Mosier.

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The camp runs from the 12th of July, to the 28th of July inclusive of both dates. We take pleasure in announcing to the public, that a rate of one fare and a third, for the round trip over all roads of the Western Passenger Association, in this section, has been secured.

This rate has been granted on the Certificate plan, consequently visitors to the camp should be sure and secure a certificate for each ticket purchased, as rate cannot be secured for them without said certificate.

If the friends in the surrounding country have any difficulty in securing certificate, take ticket to the nearest point in Wisconsin, and no further difficulty will be experienced.

From all points in Wisconsin, from which the local one way rate to Wonewoc is \$3.75 or less, the above rate is assured, and holds good over all lines interested in the Western Passenger Association. Parties or clubs traveling in a body to the camp, can purchase round trip party tickets at the excursion rate, from all stations from which the local one way rate is 50 cents or more.

Wonewoc is on the Chicago & Northwestern Railway between La Crosse and Madison. All roads connect with the C. & N. W. The Omaha road comes in at Elroy, only eight miles distant from Wonewoc. This makes railroad facilities unusually good.

Send for illustrated announcement. If you desire a tent, you will be wise to apply early as the space is rapidly filling up.

Write for programs and general information, and come and join us in having a rare treat. Fraternally,

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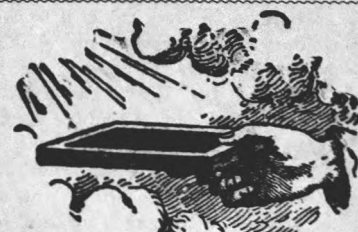
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The following report of a sermon delivered at a negro church service held in Louisiana was taken stenographically by Mr. S. P. Gardner, who has given the best rendition of the preacher's dialect that he could from his stenographic notes. As he was reared in Louisiana, it is safe to presume that he has succeeded in presenting a pretty faithful version of what was said. His transcript appeared in the New York Post.

"Mah beluvved frens, I'se gwine ter expoun' a few wuhds dis yer mawnin', on der tex' 'An' Joner went ter Ninnerver,' ter zemplerfy der whul faith. 'Cordin' ter der little as giben ter me.

"In dem ole days, way back er yander, long er foah dis senshury an' we wuz evah thawt uv, in der days w'en Babberlum wuz der mostest powerfuller empih on der faist ob der yairth, w'en she had her vessuls ebry whar der wuz'er chance ter barter an' ter traid, w'en her ahmy was in ebry poht, an' er w'en der juze wuz cuttin' up high Jinks gin'ly an a sasshavin' aroun' der side-walks of Ninnerver. Yessah, mah beluvved, dat's der way dey russelled on in der doin's an' licenshussness, jes laik now, no dout; der perleese er standing in wid de mintstrahun, an' no one darsent go out arter dark less'n der patterwowers gwine ter nail 'im an' holt 'im up for de sequence. De sequance, mah beluvved, wuz de coin in cirkerlation uv dem days. Histy jes der same. Yer cudden go erbout at nites, nohow, kaze effen yer did, an' do er little vissittin', den der skandul-tungs got ter waggin', an' fust ting yer knowed you'se lierble ter git yerself compermized.

"Now, hain't hit almostest laik now? "Yas, sir-ree, an' hits no mistaik. I'se a widdower man, an' I kaint tauk ter a lady arter dahk but w'at der'se a skaudullus tung tuhned loose agin me. Such skundullus aks wuz er gwine on den, jes as now, an' ownley hit wuz wusser.

"Now, to stop dese tings de Lord 'cides for ter send Joner to Ninnerver. But Joner he 'fraid. He hatter go dough, so he take ship and set sail.

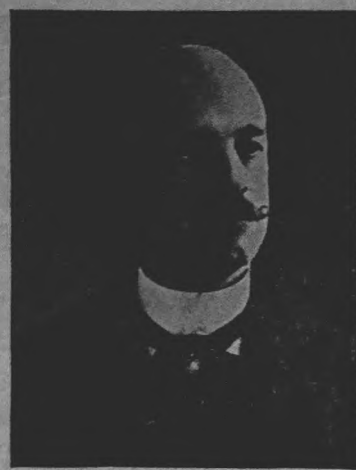
"Now Joner went ter baid airly, for-kase he wanted all der stren'th an' sleep whut he could git, 'caze he knowed w't wuz erhaid ov him.

"De Lawd done make up his mine ter teech Joner a lessun he doan' fergit in er hurry, fer him not havin' faith. W-a-l, suh, dat bote jes went a s-a-i-l-i-n' erlong, an' er b-o-u-n-d-i-n' obder dar watahs-uh. Hit kep' er goin' fas' and fas'er, twell byme by de win' gun ter freshen up, sorter, an' ter blow er liddle harder, den hit 'gins ter blow wusser an' wusser, an' hit gits stiffer an' stiffer-uh-my, how stiff hit got-uh. An' de white caps 'gin ter dash erbout-uh, an de wahtahs bile up frum behine-uh an' make de bigges' kine er waves-uh.

"So dey wakes 'im up. He gin er big jump as'e sees de bote ack laik she gwine ter sink in er minnit. So'e seen de Lawd was a-punishin' 'im fer de lack of faith. So he goes ter de cappen an' tells 'im and de crew, an' exterdooses hieself, an' tells um whut he gwine ter do, an' how as he 'ad no faith. 'I dun rong', says'e, 'for coz I hed no faith in de Lawd, an' now as bein' I'se de cays ob all der yer 'sturbans, so jes t'row me ovahboahd, an' dat'll let you'se all out. No use er gettin, in trouble on my ercount.'

"So dey all shuck han's, an' 'lowed dey wuz sorry for 'im, an' hoped 'e hed no hahd feelin's, an' sech tauk as dat, but jest de same dey done gotten de gang-plank for 'im ter slide ovah. Dat's laik peepuls now-er-days—make out we'se sorry fer der troubles, an' all de time a-shovin' 'em deeper an' deeper, an' all dis, for no faith.

"Hev faith, an' nuthin' gwine ter tech yer. Jes keep in de middle ob de road, an' de Ole Nick ain't er gwine ter tech yer. He won't try ter 'fere wid yer, but yer jes pray an' hab faith an' go erlong. O, mah frens, don't be a Joner an' hab his weakness, but jes git er good holt, pray an' hab faith, an' we'll all ride ter heaben in dat good ole ship ob Zi-yun! Oh, dat good ole ship! O sinnahs, come up now an' take passage on dat ship! Dar's room for one moah. Dar's no angry watahs, no stohms, no sech tings as dat. De voyage'll be sweet an' peaceful an' cam. We'll jes sail erlong, sail erlong. I ken see dem big w'ite sails er flappin' to an' froo in der sweet breezes. I kin hyar de music bourn in de song ter me frum Kaynin's happy lan'. De lan' ob petuil milk, honney an' wine. Come erlong, sinnah. Come erlong. Hallelooyer! Glory! Oh, mah King, I'se got er new passenjah! I'se runnah dis mownin' an' ebry mornin', in season an' out er season; an' I'se a-shoutin' fer



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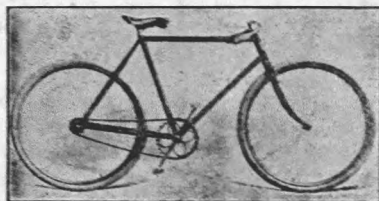


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