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## ARCHÆOLOGICAL TREASURES

Discovered by Professor Hilprecht, the Noted Scientist.

## UNEARTH'S BABYLONIAN HISTORICAL LIBRARY

Containing Over One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Stone Tablets.

Without question the most important archaeological material that ever came to this country has arrived at the University of Pennsylvania.

In the fourteen years that Professor Herman Volrath Hilprecht, the foremost authority in cuneiform paleography, has been identified with the exploring tours in the desert of ancient Babylonia, his greatest achievements have been his latest discoveries, which rank as among the most important archaeological finds of the century.

A library, of which every volume or tablet was written prior to Abraham's leaving Ur of the Chaldees, was excavated upon the recent campaign at Nippur.

The records of life in Babylonia as far back as 2000 B. C. have been made to seem modern by Prof. Hilprecht's discovery of the temple of Bel—or, as the Old Testament name is Baal—and the Sargonic palace of 4000 B. C. The library is a library recounting the deeds and life of a people 5000 years before the Christian era and 7000 years before the present day.

About twelve years ago, when Prof. Hilprecht first rode over the mounds at Nippur, he pointed out an extensive group of mounds south of the Temple Hill, which, in his judgment, he regarded as the probable site of the temple library. About 2500 tablets were recovered from this mound during the first campaign. The mound was called Tablet Hill.

Later excavations revealed many additional inscriptions, but on the recent campaign Prof. Hilprecht was able to establish definitely beyond any doubt that this theory was correct.

During the brief space of about eight weeks a series of "book stacks" or rooms were cleared by his field director Dr. Haynes and a very rich harvest of nearly 23,000 tablets was recovered.

In the uppermost stratum of this mound the excavators found coffins, which had been buried in the early centuries of the Christian era. There were also gathered a great many antiquities which belonged to the Jews who continued to live at Nippur after the return of Ezra and Nehemiah.

Prominent among the antiquities were terra cotta bowls containing incantations and charms inscribed in Hebrew and Mandaean.

Down the excavators went, through twenty-five feet of accumulations of debris, representing several millenniums of history when they found a number of rooms, a number of which contained ledges or shelves built out from the wall for the purpose of laying out the tablets in rows.

The library seems to have been divided into two parts. There was a business section, for keeping accounts, and the educational quarters, with a vast library of a literary character.

Only the southeastern and northwestern wings of the immense edifice have thus far been cleared, in all about one-twentieth part of the entire library.

Professor Hilprecht estimates, on a basis of the finds already made, on the topographical appearance of the mound and on the history of the temple with which the library was connected, that when the entire mound shall have been completely excavated it will have yielded at least

150,000 tablets, every one of which belongs to the third millennium before Christ.

The complete excavation of this most important structure with its precious literature will require several years of continuous labor.

While the destructions of temples, palaces, libraries and works of art which the Elamites then accomplished must be regarded as gross vandalism, yet in this particular instance it was most fortunate, for doubtless the tablets, being mostly unbaked, would have been destroyed long since, and their contents entirely lost, if the Elamites had not destroyed the library buildings.

When the roof collapsed the tablets, which had been laid in rows—classified doubtless according to their contents—fell from their shelves upon the floor in heaps in which condition they were found.

The contents of the library, as far as examined by Prof. Hilprecht, proved to be very varied—in fact, practically every branch of literature known to the Babylonians being represented.

Among the inscriptions are hundreds of historical texts, dictionaries or lists of Sumerian words, with Semitic equivalents; lists of birds, animals, plants and stones, lists of words for chairs, stools and other articles of furniture, beautiful hymns, astronomical and mythological inscriptions, tablets which refer to the service and functionaries of the temple, how many garments the god Bel wore, how many temples and shrines there were at Nippur, besides those dedicated to Bel, and what the revenues of the temple were; also tablets containing grammatical sentences written by students and arithmetical calculations.

In removing the upper layer of a mound which covered a large governmental building, with an open court flanked by columns dating from the fourth or third century B. C., they gathered a rich harvest of new Hebrew and Mandaean terra cotta vases.

Others were found in several rooms occupying the most northern slope of the north eastern city wall. These bowls or vases generally contain, in the center, one or several rude demons, frequently chained at their ankles, and surrounded by a spiral inscription or by letters running from the center outward, like the rays of a star.

During two months not less than 117 such vases, mostly in fine state of preservation, were unearthed and saved.

Considerable silver and gold jewelry, like bracelets, finger rings, nose rings, brooches, clasps, etc., were gathered from among the contents of slipper-shaped clay coffins, which are characteristic of the post-Babylonian period, 300 B. C. to A. D. 700.

From among the numerous antiquities belonging to the Babylonian period, 2700 to 523 B. C., interesting relics are the barrel-cylinder of Sargon II (727-705 B. C.) depicting his buildings at the temples area, that of Samsu-iluna, a king of the first dynasty of Babylon (C. 2200 B. C.) giving account of his restoration of the walls of the city; the large fragment of an even earlier barrel-cylinder written in a peculiar cuneiform form in which the single strokes are indicated by deep round holes, the stone tablet of Ur-Sur (C. 2800 B. C.) referring to his building the city wall, recently followed up and exposed by the expedition,

and the inscribed door socket of his son Dungi.

From a beautiful truncated clay cylinder of Assur-ban-apal (668-626 B. C.) we finally learn that there was a sacred mortuary chamber or tomb at Nippur, the walls of which had collapsed, but were restored by the king, its foundation being laid at the "breast of the earth". Other not less important documents of religious, astronomical, mathematical, linguistic and literary trend were numerous.

This is but one of the important discoveries of the recent campaign. Considerable attention was paid to the excavation of the great temple of Bel, the foundation of which was laid between 6000 and 7000 years before Christ.

A very ancient government palace of immense proportions, where the kings resided belonging to the fifth millennium before Christ, and one of the ancient gates and the walls of the city were uncovered.

A government palace erected about 300 B. C. was completely and systematically excavated, besides numerous other buildings of less importance.

Most valuable inscriptions in stone belong to the earliest rulers of Babylonia, by the help of which the early history of mankind in the valley between the Tigris and Euphrates will be reconstructed, were discovered.

Prof. Hilprecht is enthusiastic over the work accomplished by the University expedition. In a recent interview he said:

"We have unearthed 23,000 tablets, and I will make the deciphering of them my life work. The contents of these tablets when deciphered will altogether change the ideas of the world as to the state of civilization and knowledge of that early people."

"It will be seen that they knew then, 2300 B. C., that the earth was a globe, and that their astronomers took the same view of celestial phenomena as we now take."

"Nippur is, in fact, sixteen cities, one built upon the other. We have by no means reached the lowest of these buried cities."

"Much of the temple library has been brought here, and is now in the museum of the University. The inscriptions are in cuneiform characters. Their deciphering is a matter of much difficulty, for we have no Babylonian alphabet; we must not only translate, we must discover the alphabet which is the key to the translation."

"But what we have done thus far in the work of deciphering has given us a glimpse of marvels which await us in these tablets."

"Within the last four months our most important discoveries were made. The day before I embarked for my homeward voyage I had in my hand a tablet upon which were the minutest astronomical calculations as to the constellation Scorpion. These calculations as to the places and movements of the stars were remarkable, and showed pretty clearly that the astronomers of these days, 2300 B. C., were as proficient in their science in some respects as are those of today."

"One of the most interesting tablets is mathematical. The Babylonians, in their mathematical tables, the multiplication table, for instance, went far beyond us. Our multiplication table stops at 12; 12 by 12 is the highest. The Babylonian tables went up to 60. Their children might have sung 60 by 60 in reciting the multiplication table."

"Indeed, for astronomical purposes they carried the table out to 1300; that is, the results of multiplications up to 1300 by 1300 were tabulated. They wanted to know, at once, the result of large calculations. They did not want to be retarded in their work; by arithmetical problems; that is why they extended their tables so far."

"So thorough were these people that, in all the mathematical computations I have examined, I found only one mistake."

The invalid looked out of the window just as a horse went by, and he smiled happily.

"D'y'e mind, Biddy," he said, "it's worth th' dyin' to have a ride in a thing like that, with th' feathers on top an' a man with a bug on his hat, an' you bein' gr-reater an' more necessary than th' marshal in a St. Patrick's Day parade. There's wasnt in ye'er life ye'er th' whole thing, an' that's whin ye'er dead."—Chicago Post.

## REED CITY SANITARIUM BURNED

Dr. A. B. Spinney's Large Sanitarium Totally Destroyed.

## ALL OF THE INMATES ESCAPED IN SAFETY.

An Account of the Fire by Lyman C. Howe and a Letter From Dr. Spinney.

Your readers may be aware that I have been spending some time at Dr. Spinney's Sanitarium, Reed City, Mich. One of the principal advantages, from which I hoped much, was in the use of the famous Roberts lymph, the elixir of life, the fountain of perpetual youth, and that is what we are promised in the land beyond the shadows.

After five weeks of treatment, I realized decided benefit, but circumstances made it necessary to suspend for a time, and I was at home nearly a month.

When I left home last I was haunted with dismal forebodings, dark shadows, a feeling as if I were plunging into an endless night; but I attributed this to physical causes and resolutely made my way back to Reed City.

All went well for a time, but a prevailing epidemic of acute bronchitis, with a touch of la grippe attached to it, invaded my territory and reduced my strength greatly, in spite of all treatment. What it might have done without the treatment, I cannot say, but all went well until Saturday morning, the thirteenth, when a little before five o'clock, someone discovered a light to the eastward. Why not? The sun rises in the east and the star of the east is a sacred memory, but it was hardly time for sunlight and the star in the east was not apparent. It proved to be an artificial light; how it started no one seems to know, but the gist of it was a blacksmith shop was on fire, and it was not very far from the Sanitarium, only two buildings between.

Quietly, the inmates were awakened. When Miss Donnivan startled me from my dreams I did not get the idea that there was a fire, but supposed it was a call for breakfast. On asking the occasion, I received no answer and on repeating my question, I discovered I was alone in my room. I saw no indications of daylight or breakfast, so I quieted down. Presently another came and enquired if I was aware there was a fire.

"Where? in the Sanitarium?"  
"No in the blacksmith to the east."  
"Is the Sanitarium in danger?"  
"Probably not."  
"Had I better get up?"  
"O, no hurry; perhaps you had better dress," and she disappeared. By that time I was aware that it was necessary that something be done.

They had not spoiled my morning dreams without a cause, and I arose and commenced the slow process of dressing, for it may be remembered my eyes are eclipsed by waterfalls, otherwise called "cataracts" and dressing is a slow process.

Before I was fully dressed, alarming symptoms appeared, and a general stampede made the building tremble. Dr. Slade was calling for help; his room and mine adjoined nearest the fire. I couldn't help him, or myself either, much. A moment later someone rushed into my room and hustled me out, with my overcoat thrown loosely over my shoulders, and the passage way was occupied by an invalid being wheeled out slowly. To those who could see, it was not difficult, but for me it was a little mixed.

How Dr. Slade got out I did not see; but he got out all the same. Perhaps some prophetic instinct had placed the Doctor and me in the northeast corner of the building nearest the approach to the pyrotechnics, because we were able to stand fire

but we did not care to experiment much with it for the first time.

All the patients were got out without harm, except the shock and exposure to the gale, and were soon situated in fairly comfortable quarters.

Before night a vacant store had been secured, stoves put in, and patients and nurses and the helps provided with cots and victuals, and there we spent the night. On Sunday I was conducted to some comfortable quarters at the King Hotel where I still remain.

My intention was to start for Buffalo Sunday afternoon, but Dr. Spinney objected, as my condition rendered it unsafe for me to undertake the journey alone. He was cheery and active and before night he engaged rooms for his patients, and before Monday noon he had purchased a building, and has rooms for about thirty patients, now hastily being made ready for use.

He estimates his loss, over the insurance at \$15,000. This represents the labor of many years of earnest, active, determined effort to establish a Sanitarium where those unable to pay the large prices of first class institutions, could have the medical skill and care necessary for their restoration.

Had it been insured for \$10,000, he might not have been so much the loser, as it would have placed him in easier circumstances, but the insurance was less the \$3000.

Several other buildings were consumed by the flames, and families turned into the streets homeless and without means.

The treatments will go on just the same and though I haven't seen the new building the Doctor has bought, I am told the rooms are pleasant and likely to be as comfortable as in the Sanitarium. The drug store adjoining the Sanitarium to the east, was valuable and the first to go up in smoke, and with a great noise. It was a tremendous fire, and the crash of the falling wall was like the roar of a tempest.

Mr. Davis, the druggist, was sleeping in the drugstore when aroused by his sister Mrs. Spinney, but not comprehending the situation, fell to sleep again. But she knowing his habit, persisted in arousing him until she made him realize there was danger, thus saving his life.

It was quite a change from a warm bed and quiet dreams, to facing the northwest gale, fleeing for safety, but all were ready to go. None complained of bad usage in being turned out of doors so early in the morning. The spirit that animated the help as well as the sick, was a pleasant sign of the indwelling qualities of human need, when on great occasions, in great trials, or in great suffering, all distances are forgotten or broken down, barriers are dissolved and heart answers to heart, and soul to soul, with a spirit of kinship and friendly appeal that is beautiful and prophetic. Trials test us, experience educates, suffering purifies, and in all evolution works out the good.

Dr. Spinney is as young as a boy of sixteen, just commencing life, and after the first shock is over is resigned to the fate that rules the elements, and concludes that whatever may have been the meaning of it all, good must come of it. So with all this world's experiences and trials, they work out some problem latent within us, and in the sweet by and by we shall

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# MY FRIEND, THE PSYCHIC, IN SPIRIT.

## A SEQUEL TO "MY FRIEND, THE PSYCHIC."

BY ARTHUR F. MILTON.

(Author of "Higher Realms," and "Psychic World.")

### CHAPTER XI.

#### GRAMMAR IN SPIRIT.

Brotherly love and law! What vibration touched me as my consciousness rested upon this combination! It seems every word here has an effect strictly its own. Nouns bring before our mental vision scenes, persons, localities, circumstances, with compatible influences attending to define their *raison d'être*. Verbs contain life or seem to be gifted with a sort of animation that sings out their intention or doing—thus making themselves understood in every tongue. In subject and predicate lie the completed vision, with adjective qualifications added when needed.

Modifications are sensed in the adverbial wreathings, and eloquence in the musical or harmonial effects exercised on our daily lives—head and heart consciousness in united understanding. Grammar is as much a spiritual qualification as it is a material necessity—only that in spirit it is inherent in the thought as a key-note, while in matter it must be expressed in words sentences and phrases according to a code.

Like every study or science, grammar is an aid to the spirit in that it shows the relation between the two worlds more clearly than almost any other science does, because it touches directly on the human emotions and defines our existence in a manner that no other lesson can. What touches us sympathetically, is experienced. What better experience can we have of a thing than to feel it in the bare mention? What better experience can we have of a fact than to live it? Going through scenes that we enjoy intellectually and sympathetically combined is living them here. In the mortal it is not so vivid, but there are some who enjoy life in that way and thus have no cravings for worldly pleasures. Besides the pleasures some words afford, others teach a whole philosophy or inspire with an emotion that bespeaks of greatness. Individuals names carry like influences, and in which we gauge them by our own feelings. We momentarily live them as we do scenes. When we think of a man and we feel sad, we know he is sad. But when in connection we feel like censuring him, there is something wrong. He is the creator of his own sadness. When we feel sympathetic he is of that nature. When we feel illumined, he must have some intellectual qualification that warrants this. Thus we can be lowered or raised by our companionship—be made to feel ill or well by their rapport—calm or restless by thinking of them. We feel what they are—become one with them for the time being. Thus thinking of some easy-going or good-natured innocence is a better cure for insomnia than drugs. It hurls the consciousness below its normal vibration and induces sleep. Reading biography therefore is good practice, as it brings you into rapport with the characters in hand and benefits morally as well as intellectually—spiritually as well as materially. Thinking of great men is better than finding fault with small ones. The latter only irritates and brings no harvest—often causing restlessness and ill-feeling compatible with the cause. This is especially the case with the capacious, narrow-minded or envious. Their contracted souls create an aura that invites when touched, and like the prickly cactus, better not be handled. Even their love has no virtue in it—no seasoning on account of this contraction. Such too, are untouched by the sympathy that others may have for them, when circumstances warrant the fact. Feeling nothing, they imagine their love is not being returned, and jealousy is the result. The jealous man is a more pitiable object in spirit than the jealous woman; for it degrades manhood to succumb to a selfish emotion, even though justified by the circumstances. He who climbs over the most abuse or injustice, climbs the highest. It is always noble to forgive a wrong, or to refuse to take advantage of ignorance. If only our selfishness is at stake, vindication comes as natural as guilty conscience to the wrongdoer. The same effect that sadness or irritability has on the individual, a wrong—whether in design, thought or action—has on the law governing our being, and reacts in accordance with the influence sent. The individual is the subject, the law is the predicate, and both must agree in person, number and case—in the vibration of one toward the other. The wrong must succumb to the right finally. Justice must prevail in the end. The stubborn may hold out longer than the weak, but the law's triumph carries a compatible penalty with it, in that the conquered experiences a greater defeat—often feeling himself borne down like an avalanche to unlooked for consequences.

Brotherly love and law seem to be of

one vibration—effect and cause in one pulse beat. The inference is plain enough. Brotherly love is the aim, and until we can harmonize with each other, there is no accordant vibration with nature. Thus the most charitable head the list in the law's favor—have the most light, see the farthest and are the most content. Faith is knowledge to such, or knowledge is faith, either. They carry a light within that is never failing. Brotherly love is theirs, though unreciprocated. It is not necessary to be loved in return for giving it. To be right is sufficient to inherit wisdom or truth. That is a greater weapon than popularity—the trump card in all debates—the winning agency in all differences. Truth will always float on the topmost wave of human struggles, whatever the issue or the deception practiced to either hide or suppress it.

Such was the closing inspiration given me at our National Capital.

How long it took us from start to finish. I have not yet reckoned out, for we took no note of time. That is a burden over here. We only live in the present—the only time, all time or no time. The present implies eternity. Any other would point to a beginning and consequently an end.

But our journey ended here and with it my first three months in spirit.

More anon, Your Friend,

THE PSYCHIC.

(The End.)

NOTE—This closes a most interesting chapter of mediumistic experiences. We think it is well worth publishing and will do so if we can secure sufficient subscriptions to the book to pay for publishing it.

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### Communication From the N. S. A. Home Office.

Fraternal greetings to you, Mr. Editor, and to the public at large. Since the Convention the work of this office has proceeded regularly and we have a great deal to report that may prove of general interest.

The N. S. A. has engaged that grand worker and spiritual veteran, Hudson Tuttle, to serve the cause in the capacity of Editor-at-large, to keep watch of the secular press and to reply to such attacks as it may make on Spiritualism, said reply to be printed in the same publication that made the attack, or misrepresentation if possible. We feel that this is a grand move and one that was successful in the days of S. B. Brittan, a movement that is no less needed now than in years past. This must be an expensive work, of course, and if any friend wishes to donate to the same, his offerings will be accepted gratefully at this office.

Mr. John W. Ring has been engaged as general superintendent of Lyceums. Mr. Ring is an enthusiastic and energetic worker and is peculiarly fitted for this work.

He proposes to send out a weekly lesson for lyceums and the managers of every Lyceum in the land should correspond with him. His address is, Spiritualist Temple, Galveston, Texas. The first number of his little paper, *The Progressive Lyceum*, containing lesson with questions and answers for lyceums is before me. It deserves patronage, and is intended to be of much use to our spiritual schools. We hope that Spiritualists generally will take great interest in Mr. Ring's grand work and encourage him with word and deed.

Our N. S. A. Free Library is doing its annual good work and it is an instructive one. Recently we received a donation of "Rending the Veil," from Brother Nixon of Spring Hill, Kansas, and we are glad to get the book for we have had a great many inquiries from would be readers of it. Our thanks are sincerely extended to all donors of books to our library.

In the *Progressive Thinker* of December 15, appears an editorial notice with the above heading, which concludes as follows: "TAKE DUE NOTICE."

"The project of establishing a medium's home at Reed City has been abandoned and the one at Lansing, Mich., selected in its place."

So far as the N. S. A. project of a medium's home is concerned, this sentence is calculated to mislead the public and I therefore feel it my duty to state that as the N. S. A. is in harmony with the projectors of the Lansing Medium's Home, and as it is not deemed wise to have two such homes in one state, the N. S. A. has abandoned

the project of establishing a medium's Home at Reed City, and has no intention of opening one.

It is not yet determined just where or when a medium's home under the auspices of the N. S. A. will be opened. At present this Association is caring for all the aged and sick mediums it can from the funds collected for the aid of such; they are not classed in a home, but are pensioned in their own homes, or among their friends who are in harmony with them. We are caring for one in Southern California, two in Massachusetts, one in Michigan and Dr. Slade at the Reed City Sanitarium in Michigan. Any contribution intended for the N. S. A. Medium's Relief Fund, or for its intended Medium's Home, may be sent to this office where it will be gratefully received; but contributions intended for the Lansing Home should be sent to its officers in that State.

Also, Mr. Editor, allow me to state again for the benefit of ordained speakers and mediums, that in registering ordinations at this office, no fee is required; the former charge of \$1.00 annually was abolished at the last convention.

### OBITUARY.

#### No Poetry Published Under This Heading.

BENJAMIN BATTLES PARSONS of East Waterloo, Ia., passed to spirit life December 12, at the age of 85 years. The funeral exercises were conducted by Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond.

MRS. E. BURNHAM, of Oakland, Cal., a noted healer and medium, passed to spirit life Nov. 30, at 2 p. m. She leaves a husband and daughter to mourn her loss.

DR. G. W. BURNHAM

WILLIAM MILLER.

The first funeral under spiritual auspices in Massillon, Ohio, was held over the remains of William Miller, on Nov. 19th, and conducted by the Rev. Elizabeth G. Reed, of Toledo, O. Burd's Opera House was placed at the disposal of the friends and crowds of curious spectators witnessed the ceremony. The reverential and solemn dignity, as well as the simplicity of the proceedings, disarmed all unkind criticism, allayed prejudice, while encouraging and strengthening the pioneers of Spiritualism who stand in the vanguard of human progress.

It was the earnest request of deceased, who departed this life at Denver, Col., that his remains should be taken to his former home, Massillon, that the services should be according to the spiritual school of thought, naming even the one whom he wished to have officiate, he having met her at Lily Dale. His wishes were carried out faithfully by those whom he left behind, his brothers Matthew and Nicholas Miller, of Massillon.

### PITTSBURG NOTES.

The McKeesport Spiritualist Society expect to erect a Temple in that City. Rev. George Day, of Allegheny, and Mrs. Mary Lloyd, of Pittsburgh, have been conducting very successful meetings in McKeesport for the past six months and now have \$500.00 raised with which to erect a Temple on a lot belonging to the Society.

Work will be begun at once to erect a building to cost about \$2000.00.

Mrs. Dr. Anna Zopie and Mrs. Mary McFarland were the first to hold meetings at Haber's Hall in McKeesport about a year ago. Since that time they have organized a society with the results as above. McKeesport is fifteen miles from Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Celia Martha Clifford is holding meetings every Wednesday and Sunday evening at 7.45, and Wednesday afternoons at 2.30, in Monath Hall, 320 Eighth Ave., Homestead. Mrs. Clifford will be better known to her many friends at Lily Dale as Mrs. Celia Cravens.

The Mendel Hall Spiritual Society meet at 407 East Ohio street, Allegheny, every Sunday evening at 6.30 for the purpose of healing all those who are afflicted, free of charge. At 7.45 services commence with music followed by short addresses on the philosophy of Spiritualism by F. J. Johnson, interspersed with music.

Mrs. M. A. McFarland is test medium for January.

The First Church of Pittsburgh, meets at the corner of Sixth and Penn. ave. every Sunday at 10.45 a. m. and at 7.45 p. m., Thursdays at 7.45 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague are the mediums for December.

Spiritual meetings are held in Totten's Hall, corner of Forty-Third and Butler streets Thursday and Sunday evenings at eight o'clock. Mr. Chas. Morrow is speaker, assisted by Mrs. Lizzie Cook, of Indiana, as test medium. Mrs. Cook also holds successful trumpet seances.

WILL ARENT.

### MRS. PARDEE FUND.

In a recent statement we credited \$2 from Mrs. Van Buskirk. It should have been \$1 from her and \$1 from Mrs. L. P. Adams.

Since our last report we have received \$2 for Mrs. Pardee: \$1 from Mrs. John Spruce and \$1 from E. C. Hyde.

"It is not our bodies that must fast but our souls must abstain from doing hurt."

## LAKE HELEN CAMPMEEETING

Opens Feb. 1, Closes March 15, 1903—Fifth and Sixth Excursions.

The session begins February 1 and closes March 15, 1903. The speakers engaged so far are W. F. Peck, Carrie E. S. Twing, Kate Stiles, and Loe F. Prior as test medium.

Mrs. J. D. Palmer, corresponding secretary, is now at Lake Helen and can be dressed for camp circulars and general information.

The hotel is open and has several guests. Mr. Bartholomew's cottage is being built. His wife, the trumpet medium, will hold seances during the session.

The Hillgoss cottage is nearly ready for occupancy.

Two teams from DeLand are drawing clay to make a floor for the Auditorium, the sawdust having been removed.

President Bond is now at DeLand. Mr. Bond and wife will occupy their new cottage on the Campground next month.

Judge Underhill and his son Arthur have arrived.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Gates of Pennsylvania, are at the Hotel Cassadaga.

Miss Myra H. Osgood and Miss Delia L. Corson, of Boston, are at the Apartment House.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Carriyae, of Rhode Island, are settled in the Marsh-Hatch cottage.

Mrs. Bacon is pleasantly situated in Brigham Hall.

Dr. Brigham and wife, of Massachusetts, were expected to leave for Lake Helen December 13.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Butler, of Ohio, occupy their former rooms in the Apartment House, in which are also Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. VanLieu and Mrs. Vogt.

The Shermans and Mrs. Hardenberg are daily expected.

Clerk Twing and his wife, Carrie, left for Lake Helen December 17.

J. Clegg Wright and wife will spend the winter in their cottage. Mr. Wright will have classes similar to last winter's program and Mrs. Wright will devote considerable time to music.

Mr. Mace sold over \$2500 worth of peaches last summer. He will have 80 acres in peaches next year.

Mr. Bedell had an fine crop of peaches, grapes and pears, and his orange crop returned a fair compensation for his outlay. He has about 800 trees.

Mr. and Mrs. Root are living on the Macy farm. Mr. Myer is trucking for the camp with a new span of horses.

Mrs. E. Nelson Blake entered upon spirit life last spring from Arlington, Mass. Mr. Blake is expected at Lake Helen grove to oversee his large orange grove.

My Fifth Excursion by water from New York city to Lake Helen will leave January 2. The sixth and last, will leave January 16. I shall personally conduct the last excursion and invite timid people and others to join me. Write me for information, enclosing 4 cents in stamps for postage on circulars.

H. A. BUDINGTON.

91 Sherman street, Springfield, Mass.

### WHAT IS SPIRITUALISM?

Spiritualism is the immaterial side of physical expressions in all characters. As action along a wire in an electric railway is the result of force or power unseen by the physical senses, spirit is the indirect propelling power of the Universe.

In man, animals and vegetation, mechanisms of machinery and in the unfathomable wonders of the boundless planetary regions, this invisible, mysterious fluid we call spirit is at work guiding all.

PROF. JAMES HILLING.

Boston, mass.

### WHAT I THINK OF SPIRITUALISM.

It opens up the avenues of light and truth brought by the angels, (ministering spirits), our spirit friends from over the river. It is the healing balm for the sick, sorrowing ones if they will but stop long enough to receive of that great divine life; if we will only listen to that still small voice from the spirit world and make conditions right we will receive "Ask and ye shall receive." "Seek and ye shall find." "Knock and it shall be opened unto you."

Our guardian angels are always ready to give us light and truth that the All-Wise Father sends to earth through our friends, and Spiritualism is the telephone that we receive the glad tidings through.

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## The News at Lily Dale.

Mr. T. J. Skidmore has gone to Washington on a business trip.

Hattie D. Phillips, of Forestville, is the guest of Mrs. Frank Fuller.

A brother of ye editor sent three Dakota Jack Rabbits to him a few days ago. They were quite a curiosity as well as making a very fine Christmas dinner.

Mrs. S. S. Lutes has gone to San Francisco, Cal., where she will spend the winter with her son Earnest.

Mr. James Cady, of Sinclairville, passed suddenly to spirit life Dec. 12. Mrs. Cady is a cottage owner here and is a sister to Mrs. Dedrick.

Our nice weather was broken by a heavy fall of snow a few days ago and now the ground is covered with about twenty inches of light snow. J. H. Champlin has arranged to clear the streets of snow this winter and has been out with his snow-plow so we have little trouble in getting around. A few days of warm weather would now be appreciated as it would make it much easier to get into the woods and supply our population with stove wood.

Like the majority of places we have no coal and as a result all of the old wood stoves in the vicinity have been pressed into service and are doing proper duty. A few of our citizens clubbed together and were fortunate enough to secure a car of hard coal. As THE SUNFLOWER was in the deal, we were fortunate enough to secure a supply of coal sufficient to satisfy our requirements for nearly two months. This is fortunate as it would have been entirely impossible to heat the office with wood.

Mr. Greenbacker did not dare to venture out in the cold, so we miss our pleasant letter from him this issue; but we hope when he learns that we were so fortunate he will come out again.

Christmastide brought many visitors to the Dale, but few of them were reported to us. We would consider it a favor if all such would give us a short notice for this column as it is interesting to the people who visit us summers and get acquainted with our people to know what they are doing and how we spend our time during these long winter days and evenings in which they see us so lonely.

Talking about our summer visitors, probably none of them are remembered with a more kindly interest just at the present time than Hatfield Pettibone.

Before going away last fall he told one of our people that he would "send us a barrel of oysters and one of clams for a Christmas blow-out." Well! he did! and it would have done his heart good if he could have dropped into Library Hall Monday evening, December 22, and witnessed what took place. We hired music and had a fine dance. Mrs. Champlin kindly gave the use of the South Park dining room and kitchen for the supper and we ate oysters and clam chowder to our heart's content. Everyone agreed it was one of the pleasantest evenings since the "big fire" and the reception which we gave to our assistants who aided us to extinguish it, from which nearly everything has been dated since that event.

On behalf of the people of Lily Dale THE SUNFLOWER extends thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Pettibone for their kind remembrance of us.

We are beginning to think that we have a winter resort as well as a summer resort from the way people come here to spend their Christmas holidays. Alonzo Thompson, Jr., a son of Alonzo Thompson, of Fullerton, Neb., who is attending the Northwestern Military School at Highland Park, near Chicago, has been a visitor at the Leolyn. Mr. John Claus, of Pittsburg, is here for his Christmas holidays and is stopping at Mrs. Dedrick's. Amanda Lavine is spending a few days as a guest of Miss Grace Richardson's; Pansy Wilcox, Fay Johnson, Clarence McArthur, Mrs. Susie Wickham, M. R. Champlin and J. C. Sheu are also visitors or spending a few days with relatives and friends here.

Miss Sackett has returned and is occupying her cottage on South street.

J. H. Binney has gone to Olean and Bradford to visit his brother and mother. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Turner spent Christmas at Dunkirk with Mrs. Turner's parents. Mrs. Mary Todd has gone to Wellsville to spend a couple of weeks. E. D. Carver has moved to Buffalo where he has secured employment in a pattern shop. He is a fine workman and we wish him success in his new position.

A letter received from Mrs. Emma Huff closes as follows: "I am having a lovely time in this delightful land of flowers. The weather is delightful, flowers are blooming and everybody seems to be prosperous and happy that I come in contact with. Still, 'My heart turns back to Dixie' and Lake Helen Camp is the place of all the world after all—everybody should go." She is spending the winter at Alameda, Cal.

Dr. E. C. Hyde writes as follows: "The report in so many papers about my selling out and leaving Lily Dale is all a mistake. We have sold nothing there since last year when we sold our two cottages to save work."

"Somebody has gotten that and the sale of the Gaston stock mixed. Besides, in November I ordered considerable repairs

on my house at Friendship, saying that I might want to live there next winter—so the report has grown. We expect to return to Lily Dale next spring."

We note by the Fredonia Advertiser and Union that the Baillet cottage on North street has been sold, but the name of the purchaser was not given.

## Buffalo News.

Mrs. C. E. Benson has been attending the New York State mass meeting at Rochester.

Rev. Victor Wylde of Toronto is expected to serve the First Spiritual Society at the Temple.

The name Gertrude Bragg, in the second item in the Buffalo News, of the last issue should have been Gertrude Briggs.

Prof. Lockwood's class lectures are very interesting and instructive, his next class lecture will be Friday eve Jan. 2, and Jan 8 he gives a lecture on the X-ray, which no doubt will be very entertaining.

Chas. Hulbert, President of the Harmony Circle, holds developing circles every Friday Eve, good results are being accomplished. Mr. Hulbert is an earnest worker in behalf of Spiritualism and for the good of humanity.

Mr. C. E. Benson, Vice President of the society, has removed his residence from 189 Vermont St., to 167 Fargo Ave. Mr. Benson was called to St. Louis, Mo. on a business trip, Dec. 8, and returned about Dec. 15.

Report states that D. B. Jimeron the physical medium is giving good satisfaction through his mediumship and seances, your scribe attended one seance at a private residence and the manifestations were alright and good.

Rev. Victor Wylde, of Toronto, Canada, the psychic lecturer and test medium, is stopping a few days with friends in the city. Mr. Wylde is an earnest advocate and demonstrator of the truths of Spiritualism and spirit return.

Henry L. Hanson, 237 Hudson St., has been quite ill during the week of Dec. 8, he is now feeling somewhat improved. Mr. Hanson was a former trustee of the First Society; he is an active worker in the lyceum and takes much interest in all liberal and advanced thought.

Mrs. E. J. Chase informs me that she is holding very successful circles at her home, 241 E. Eagle St., every Tuesday evening with an average attendance of 40 to 60 each evening. A part of each evening is spent in a lecture or entertaining talk by Mr. Chase and the guides of Mrs. Chase give tests and descriptive reading.

Mrs. Atcheson, 274 N. Division St., continues her successful meetings at Niagara Falls, Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Her Monday evening home circles are well attended and she is also kept quite busy with her private readings, and the giving advice to her many partons, during the week.

A combination birthday party was celebrated. Dec. 3, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Chase, 241 E. Eagle St., the occasion being the anniversary birthday of Mr. E. J. Chase and the spirit guide, "Prairie Flower," of Mrs. Chase. A goodly number were present and the results were a very enjoyable evening to all.

Prof. W. M. Lockwood has been quite indisposed during the week of Dec. 8, but is now feeling somewhat better and Thursday Dec. 18 he commenced his second course of class lectures. Prof. Lockwood is a thorough and efficient teacher in the "Laws of Nature's Forces." He is highly spoken of by his patrons and those who attend his lectures. Prof. Lockwood is a scholar and a deep thinker along the lines of nature's philosophy, methods, evolution and unfoldment, he also has excellent ability to express his knowledge and in a way that interests and instructs his listeners.

Thursday evening, Dec. 11, the lecture by Carrie E. S. Twing, at the Temple, was very interesting and entertaining. She gave her experiences in the study of Black and White Life in the South. After the lecture all sat down to a good supper that had been furnished by the ladies of the society who know how to do their part in catering to the needs of the material demands of nature. The last part of the program was enjoyed in dancing and social conference. The entertainment was very pleasing to the participants also successful and the proceeds was donated to the treasury of the society.

N. H. EDDY, Buffalo Correspondent.

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read the record and realize the reward.

I saved most of my clothing and valuables, and learned a lesson, too; and that is never to go to bed in a strange place or away from home, without having all of my effect in close quarters, as nearly as possible in my satchels.

The wonder is that so much was saved as my goods were scattered about the room and in bureau drawers, and in ways that I supposed would cause most to be lost; but even a package of documents for history that stood behind the door of my room on the floor was carried out in safety. I wish I could know all the rest had fared as well. Mrs. Spinney lost nearly all she had in her room. Nothing was saved in the drug store. The Doctor's books of most value were saved, and he was saved and all the rest were saved from a general conflagration, and compared to this, all else are trifles.

Dr. Slade is still provided for and will remain for the present, and seems to have been gaining under the recent treatment.

LYMAN C. HOWE.

P. S.—I find on figuring the promiscuous items I am out about \$10 to \$15, but all or the most important part of my wardrobe except the beaver cap was saved and I fared better than most of them. We all have reason to be thankful. Dr. Spinney is the greatest loser but does not complain.

L. C. H.

To my Friends and To All Spiritualists:

I wish to say that while it is true that my sanitarium and all of its contents are swept away by fire, I have purchased another small building and rented rooms outside, so I can accommodate thirty-two patients. This is only temporary, for I shall build again better than ever. In doing so shall have a Medium's and Spiritualist Home adjacent to, yet separate from my Sanitarium.

This city has the first chance to make it an object to keep me here. If they do not raise sufficient funds and bonus to do so, other towns will; yet, I have no doubt but that they will do it here. Already forty acres of land one-half mile from the city and in the city limits is offered to me for \$1,000, if I will build on it. January 3rd I come home to stay two weeks and see what the city and citizens will do for me. As soon as I determine the location where I shall invest in a sanitarium again, which will be not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$25,000, I shall plan to build a medium's and Spiritualists home adjoining, utilizing my wall on one side, with fifteen to twenty rooms. Shall also use my steam heat plant to heat same. Shall have in this building a nice little hall, also a seance room.

Now what I want is to raise \$3,000 for this home, the building and steam heat, and have this home deeded to the N. S. A., with a life lease to me, to be under my control while I live. I also want endowment funds to care for those who are needy who come to the home.

This is not done to hurt other enterprises or the success of other homes, but because all of these are yet incomplete, or not opened, and no one knows when they will be. But this can be completed this year, as I shall build and have my Sanitarium completed by that time.

Here is a chance to invest your money for the good of humanity, mediums and Spiritualists, an investment to go on in doing good for others after I have passed on.

Let me hear from Spiritualists all over the land, how much they will pledge for the building, how much for the endowment fund.

I have a good room for Dr. Slade in my new quarters, and shall have for others who may come. All who have pledged so much a year, please send it by January 1, so that I may be able to go forward with this good work and care for Dr. Slade and others.

A. B. SPINNEY.

## New Year's Resolutions.

Up from the down, bearing in mind Never to frown, rather seem blind To the mistakes, brother has made; Gladly o'er take; hie from the shade Into the light, if you're soul-free; The first golden stair is on Liberty's mound, No ills are kept there, but treasures abound.

Up from the down; balance each day; Turn the scales round, make them obey. Never give up if downward you glide; Grasp the full cup of faith by your side. Drink to the pure, pray for the weak; Humbly endure, and the landing you seek Will meet you halfway, and bear you up higher, For the pitfalls today, up to mountains aspire; If never we're down, the goal never met, What granted the crown, and covered the debt?

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Hunt Alston, a prominent citizen of Warren county, and a kinsman of Judge Cook, died a short time ago. He left a widow and children. It was well known to the members of the family that he had made a will, and it was supposed to be in his desk, where all his private papers were stored away.

In due time after his death search was made, and the will could not be found. The effort was repeated probably half a dozen times to find the instrument. While these attempts to find the will were going on the house was afflicted with noises in every room as if some person was knocking to obtain admission. These sounds were so clear and distinct that the house was watched from the outside to see if people were making sport of the family by making various noises. Nobody was seen about the house at any time, and the knocking and rapping sounds on the house could not be explained by the dictation of human agency in this respect.

#### SEARCH FOR THE WILL.

Finally Mrs. Alston sent a messenger to Warrenton, the county seat, for Mr. Edie Green, who had read law under Judge Cook, and who was then practicing law in Warrenton, to come to her house to advise about the appointment of an administrator for the purpose of settling up the estate. Mr. Green went to the house of the widow, which was some distance from Warrenton and in Halifax county and, after hearing all the particulars concerning the supposed will, he said the will must be found, and he and Mrs. Alston and the other members of the family made another thorough and systematic search without finding the will. In the meantime, knocking and rapping in every room of the house continued and they continued to become so alarming that the children of the widow came from their room on the second story down stairs and occupied the room with their mother. Mr. Green remained in the house over night, and the noises around his room disturbed him so that he slept very little.

It was decided to have an administrator appointed, and Mrs. Williams, who was an inmate of the house, having agreed to sign the bond of the administrator, who was to be appointed, she and Mr. Green took a buggy and drove twenty-five miles to Halifax Courthouse. Mr. Porton, who was also to sign the bond, had been notified to be in Halifax that same day, and had agreed to be there.

At this time Miss Nellie Norwood, a young lady about twenty years old, was a guest of Mrs. Alston. She was known to be an operator on the table with spirit rappings. After supper when all the inmates of the family were sitting around the fire, some person suggested that "the table" be questioned concerning the will. This was agreed to and Miss Norwood took her position at the table. The question was asked "if there was a will?" The table said "Yes."

#### TABLE FOUND IT.

"Where is the will?" was then asked. "In the desk," was the answer. Here Mrs. Alston remarked that the table was mistaken—that every one present knew that the desk had been examined and searched at least a dozen times. The table was then asked to be more explicit, and the answer came "in the drawer of the desk on the right hand side next to the window." Mrs. Alston again remarked that the table was again mistaken, as that particular drawer had been examined and searched quite a number of times. The table was so told and asked to be more definite, if it was possible. The table answered that the drawer must be examined until a false bottom or secret drawer was found in the drawer which had been mentioned, and under the false bottom or secret drawer would be found a number of papers and on top of these papers would be found a soiled yellow envelope, and in this envelope would be found the will. Immediate search was made and the false drawer was found, and under it was found the pile of papers and the will in the envelope as the table had directed. Mrs. Alston then suggested that the table be asked what had taken place in Halifax. This was done, and the table said that Mrs. Green and Mrs. Williams had got there and that nothing had been done towards appointing an administrator, because Mr. Porton had not been able to get to Halifax on account of sickness in the family. The table was then asked who was in the office of the clerk at the time the application was made for letters of administration. The table answered that Mr. John T. Gregory, the Clerk, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Williams, and lawyer

Grizzard, and Mr. Lewis, Register of Deeds were in the office at the time, and that the matter had been postponed until next Saturday in order to procure the attendance of Mr. Porton. Mr. Green and Mrs. Williams came back to Mrs. Alston's the next day and confirmed exactly what the table said.

#### HER HEALTH IMPAIRED.

Miss Norwood, the medium, in this instance, knew nothing about the making of the will, nor anything about the placing of it in the false drawer; and no one knew anything of the false drawer. The effect of these seances on Miss Norwood was such that they impaired her health to such a degree that she had to stop them entirely. She is now living in Warren county, and will verify the facts herein stated. Your correspondent knows nothing of the facts as herein stated of his own personal knowledge, and therefore he tells the tale as it was told him.

Richmond, (Va.) Dispatch.

#### SUNFLOWER SEED THOUGHTS.

We read in city papers of meetings of men to pass resolutions of condolence on the death of a member of the order. Resolves are ample: "We sincerely condole with the family in this dispensation which has pleased almighty God to afflict them," etc.

Their meeting places are highly draped with mourning insignia and their members wear a black badge thirty days or more. Do I respect the sincerity expressed? I find it voices the mistaken teachings too long inflicted on the people. Orthodoxy, so-called, has fixed the thought at the grave far too long, and shrouded spirit transition in gloom instead of cheerfulness.

Why should there be rivalry in grave decoration as if the real value was there? How long, Oh, how long, shall we continue seeking the living among the dead? "He is not here, He is risen"—risen out and away from the worn out body of cumbrous clay—away from the trials, afflictions and cares. He has no care, no longer use for the crumbling case, the shell-machine that formerly served for the motor-spirit.

Quit loving the dissolving, cast away body for which the deathless ego has no further use. Meet soul to soul in your calm, peaceful home, where so long he loved to meet and greet you. The soul, invulnerable to physical mutation, rises superior to matter—"Smiles at the drawn dagger and defies its point." Secure of an endless life the rising spirit sings: "There is no death; what seems so is triumphant transition."

"Where shall we bury you," queried his tormentors of the patient Socrates.

"Wherever you can catch me." A noble reply, hope inspiring logic, worthy the study of materialistic religionists of this mercenary age. "He is risen." Beautiful assurance of spiritual possibility. Not only to one, but to all humanity. It is natural law for the more refined to rise above the gross, so it is equally natural for the spirit to ascend. It is written, "He arose from death because it was not possible for him to be holden of it."

The reflection contained in these too common resolutions of condolence, intimate more sympathy than is expressed by the All Father—that he finds pleasure in the afflictions of his children. The great pity and shame is that pitiable orthodoxy and these orders of men continue this sham of the centuries cruel illiterate barbarism so long.

At a seance an aged negro in answer to the question, "How old were you, Sam, when you died?" said: "Why, missus, I aint dead, only de ole shell dat boss used to beat down in Georgia. Tink I was a hunner years old when I lef de ole shell."

"How long have you been in spirit life?" "Dun no. I se a good wile. I se a ole man wen de red cotes cum ober de sea to fite our folks down in Georgy."

At this a rollicking spirit of the Emerald Isle broke in as if flourishing a shalalah, to "break bridges and noses." Fortunately this condition was promptly changed as the peace-loving friend, William Penn, spoke, breathing harmony o'er all the scene.

The noble Washington, and others, yet deeply interested in the progress and welfare of this Republic, for which they gave so much. And so is again answered the query of the ages, the interminable continuity of human life. The mystery solved by spirit return. Life's beautiful logic.

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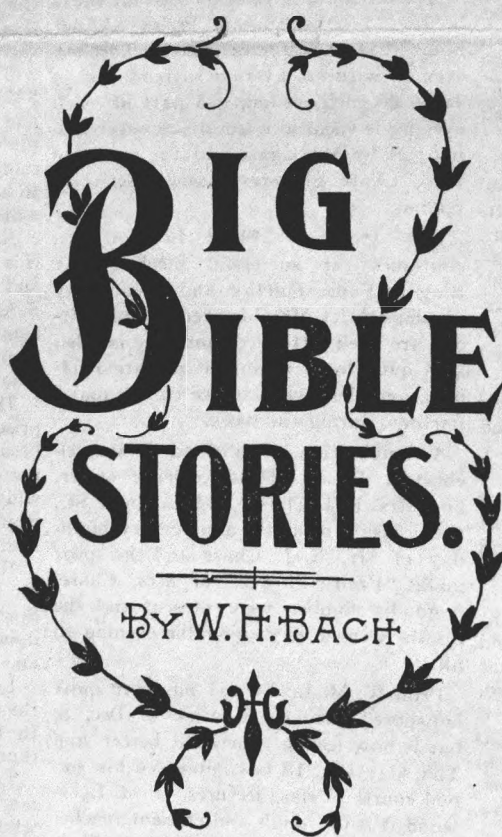
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## DON'T LOOK FOR FLAWS.

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It is wise and kind to be somewhat blind.  
And look for the virtue behind them.  
For the cloudiest night has a hint of the light  
Somewhere in its shadow hiding;  
It is better far to hunt for a star  
Than the spots on the sun abiding.  
The current life runs every way  
To the bosom of God's great ocean;  
Don't set your force 'gainst the river's course  
And think to alter its motion.  
Don't waste a cure on the universe;  
Remember it lived before you;  
Don't butt at the storm with your puny form  
But bend, and let it fly o'er you.  
The world will never adjust itself  
To suit your whim to the letter;  
Some things must go wrong your whole life long,  
And the sooner you know it the better.  
It is folly to fight with the Infinite,  
And go under at last in the wrestle.  
The wise man shapes into God's plan,  
As the water shapes into the vessel.  
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox in Progressive Age.

## A SPIRITUAL ESSAY BY A GREAT SOUL.

In order to enter into the true life, there must be a transformation of character. The natural, i. e., the animal and intellectual man, must be subservient to that which is higher than they are, if they would bear the Divine Image. This is why every truth seeker must come in an humble, child-like spirit, thereby showing his desire to learn, and acknowledging his Superior and Helper. Thus humility is the first soul element requisite on the upward journey. Without humility there is no teachable spirit and progress is impossible.

The laws of Nature promise you nothing except through obedience to them. Nor does spiritual law promise anything but to those who fulfill it. You must keep the commandments of Spirit; you do its will; you must live by its laws, if you would be an heir of its life. The commandments, the will, the laws of Spirit are all one; they are not intricate, but simple to understand, so that any one may obey them.

Thought is a great force for good or ill according to its trend. Then by right thinking we may co-operate with Spirit in our own transformation. Spiritual alchemy is accomplished through the susceptible mind, the baser nature transmuted into pure Spirit-life. It is a mental evolution. By renewing the mind with thoughts of Truth we become spiritually minded, i. e., ALIVE. So we have humility, obedience and right thinking as are part in the transformation to take place.

To think rightly is to think purely, and to think purely is to think in harmony with law, with Nature and with love. It is to eliminate thoughts of hatred in all its forms, as anger, malice, envy, jealousy, intolerance, bigotry. It is to give place in our minds to the Spirit of Truth and Justice and Mercy.

When the soul is in the right attitude, the Spirit will come in and fill it. The right attitude cannot be assumed or forced; it must be heartfelt. There must be soul-hunger; one must feel their need—then humility is natural, obedience a joy and right thinking (i. e., love) is easy and spontaneous.

What more is required of us that we may be transformed into the Divine Nature? These things, together with prayer, cover all the ground; but it will be helpful to be a little more explicit. An humble attitude is a prayerful attitude; it cares not to be seen, but expresses its needs simply and secretly to the overruling Love, the Infinite Father-Mother.

The obedient attitude looks carefully to know all the will of the spirit; it seeks to understand and do. It finds that it cannot serve two masters and give itself wholly to either one, so it ceases serving gold to seek Truth—the real riches. It learns it cannot hold enmity against a brother and find atonement with God, for all life is one and it is not in harmony with the whole with any expressed life left out; so it forgives and is forgiven.

The spirit of right thinking is progressive. The mind, once started in right

channels, progresses onward and upward, because every thought is a seed that yields its increase, and every pure motive and impulse of the spirit, bringing life.

That thoughts are things and that we reap them sometime after sending them forth, I have evidence plenty in my own life experiences, and can say with certainty that we reap our own sowing, both as to good and evil. If you note these things as you move along, you will find yourself reaping experiences of which you thought, or wished for, months and years before. The lesson may not be just as you would have had it, but it is at hand for your profit. You must learn to sow wisely.

To be transformed from the human into the Christ nature or life, requires time and patience, for it must be brought about largely through experiences that give the soul opportunity to learn what really is the true life and how to discern good and evil with a wisdom divine. Through prayer the soul receives guidance and strength and uplifting when it is troubled and desolate.

An humble spirit is constant prayer; but there are times of special needs and deep desires, when the soul instinctively prays most earnestly. All such prayers are answered. They are never contrary to law, for in moments of great need the soul intuitively prays aright, giving itself for Truth and Right.

Thought is a force that goes out to accomplish that whereunto it is sent. Prayer is the same thing on the highest plane and with the greatest impetus; it could not help but return with its answer from its very nature. The law of its life is in it and sent it forth for a return.

To sum up what is necessary for our transfiguration into heavenly beings: Come in a humble, obedient spirit, giving the mind to true and spiritual themes and our hearts to love and prayer. The rest will be performed for us by our God, who is love. Take these as a guide to life; "Nonresistance, humility, obedience, right thinking and prayer."

—Magazine of Mysteries.

## A STREET CAR FACE.

I often sit in a public conveyance or walk on a public thoroughfare, writes Clara Laughlin in the *Delineator*, and think that one of the first questions many of my fellow-travellers will have to answer at the bar of God who made them in His own image is, "Why did you look as you did? What right had you to wear that hard compression about the mouth, that fretful furrow between the eyes, those lines, deep-graven that challenged all the world with the bitter question, 'What's the use?'"

"I owe you something," said a man lately, to a woman whom he had just been introduced, "I owe you a great deal. On one of the darkest days of my life you sat across from me in a street car, and there was something about you, I can't say just what, that looked strong and serene and sweet, like the clear shining after rain, and by the time I was down town, I had lost my black mood in watching you, and was ready to try again. It was a long time ago, but your face is indelibly written, 'shine and all,' in my memory."

## THE QUALITY OF CHARITY.

There probably never was a man or woman who did not occasionally need the charity of those with whom they came in contact, and on hearing a story relating to the silliness or fickleness of some one it is surprising that they do not hope, for the honor of their race, that it is not true, or at least treat it with charitable silence, as they hope to be treated. There never was a great man who paid much attention to gossip; there never was a woman distinguished above her sisters for goodness who was not charitable. You might as well amuse yourself by remarking the ugliness of people as to amuse yourself by remarking their faults and transgressions. We are all ugly enough, heaven knows, and we all have too many faults to warrant us in being surprised at faults in others!—*Atchison Globe*.

## A CHRISTMAS DREAM.

By Faraway Moses.

Christmas Time is coming around again, and the old pious feeling returns to bedoodle the ham-strings of my soul with a love for humanity. When I think of that good man who died for our scallawag race, I always think of the song the angels sang at his birth: "On earth peace, good will to men."

I wonder why that promised peace does not come? Was that song only a political promise of the ward heelers? Is peace an impossibility amongst men? Are men like dogs and wolves and jackals and roosters, and born to fight and growl and chew the rag and walk over each other for private satisfaction and public honor? With these thoughts permeating my brain I went to bed on Saturday night and had a Christmas dream all by myself.

I dreamed that I had been suddenly converted in the good old Methodist way, and become an enthusiast and started home from the revival through a dense fog that hung over the pasture field. The fog must have been the most dense and buoyant vapor that ever covered the earth, for in stead of arriving home as I expected to do I walked right up the bank of the fog, and kept on walking for two months or more, living on fog and rarified air and the hopes of a new enthusiast.

By and by I came to a beautiful wall made of precious stones, and the first thought that hit the bottom of my thought pan was in regard to the masons who built the wall and I wondered if they received the regular union wages, or whether some of Professor Eliot's "scab horses" had done the work for board and keep. I finally concluded that the workmen must have received pretty good wages, so they could resist the temptation of smouching a precious stone each day and hide it down their trouser's legs. There is nothing like competent wages to smother every temptation of doing wrong.

Pretty soon I came to a large and strong gate built in the wall over which was painted in Bradford county dialect: "cum in and be to hum, if yez be good citizens!" I accepted this invitation as a good omen, for I had looked all along the wall for broken bottles and corkscrews and political newspapers, without finding any signs of immorality or sinfulness, so I concluded it must be a pretty good place in spite of the poor spelling and grammatical peculiarities as one might say.

By and by I hoisted my umbrella and courage and knocked at the gate, and in a few seconds I heard heavy bolts sliding back, and then the massive gate moved inward a few inches and then suddenly stopped. I looked up and down the crevice between the gate and the wall, and finally caught sight of a bright little eye as it investigated my surface appearance in a very critical manner. I was just going to exclaim, "Rubber!" when a voice called.

"Who are you and what are you doing there?"

"I'm the new convert that got lost in the fog near Hardscrabble some time ago, and can't find my way out of the mists."

"Where's Hardscrabble, anyway?" Inquired the voice that owned the bright little eyes.

"In the United States of America," I replied.

"Is the United States a Christian or a heathen land?" inquired the voice, as the gate opened an inch wider.

"A Christian land," I replied proudly "a land of churches and church organs and church debts!"

"How do you know it is a Christian land?" the voice inquired.

"Because everybody claims to be a Christian or a Hebrew, or a Democrat or a Republican," I replied.

"There any corroborative evidence to prove that they are Christians in the United States?" again asked that sharp and inquisitive voice.

"Why, yes; they sing and pray, and go to church, and read out of the big book, and pass the contribution box, and holla 'amen!' when the minister makes a good hit in his prayer, and pass a lot of resolutions at every conference and persecute everybody who doesn't believe as they do besides voting the two old party tickets, and taxing whiskey and beer and dogs and poor men and patent medicine and imported tobacco and—"

"But are the people at peace with all the world?" interrupted the voice peevishly.

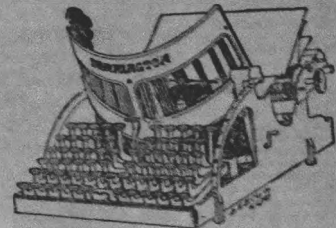
Then I remembered that I was a new convert and must show a whole lot of enthusiasm, and a knowledge of the scripture and especially the promises of the New Testament, wherein the angels promised "peace on earth." I didn't want to bring the angels into disrepute as prophets and prognosticators, for fear they'd make it hot for me after I got in the inside, so I began to lie with all the enthusiasm of a new convert to old party cant.

"Oh, yes, the people of the United States are at peace with all the world, like a good Christian people should be! Oh! indeed, yes! We hardly know what war looks like. General Sherman was the last man to see war in its true colors, and gave it its proper name."

"Oh dear, no! All those countries we

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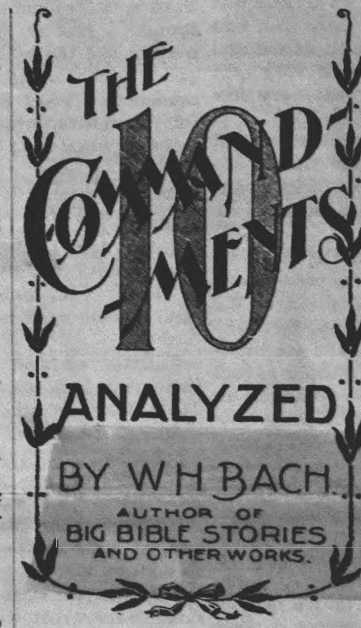
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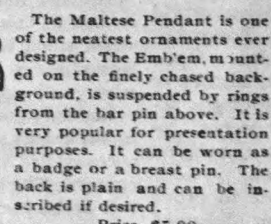
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We started this paper with the idea that if we could not say something good about a person, we would not say anything. We have adhered to that plan. We have endeavored to give the news of the Spiritualistic world with a degree of fairness as well as possible and we have tried to adhere to that. While we have met with some criticism for not publishing some complaints we have received, we believe the majority of our readers were pleased to have our columns free from that kind of reading matter.

We have tried to uphold true Spiritualism and give to all a candid hearing. We do not believe in the wholesale condemnation of mediums, neither do we believe in the fulsome flattery that so many wish published in the excess of their enthusiasm. We have tried to be "betwixt and between." THE SUNFLOWER has tried to be a friend to mediums and uphold reliable mediumship, but it has not entered into condemnation of those whom some presumably honest people condemn as frauds. We know that they are likely to be mistaken and without perfect evidence of fraud we prefer to think it is a misunderstanding of conditions on both sides.

When, however, evidence of fraud has been presented to us, we have simply not mentioned that person's name in the paper from that time. We believe this the best policy.

We see no reason for changing the attitude of the paper from what it has been. We believe from the support we have had that the majority of its readers are satisfied with it at present and we will let well enough alone.

With this we greet our subscribers with a wish for a Happy, Prosperous, New Year, and hope all will be more successful in the coming year than they were in the past.

Exit 1902; enter 1903. Exit Twice-a-month SUNFLOWER; enter the weekly.

## PROF. HILPRECHT'S DISCOVERIES.

Among the most valuable discoveries of Ancient Literature may be classed the recent discoveries of Prof. Hilprecht. The doings and customs of the ancient world have been the cause of much discussion, especially as applied to religion. Upon the religious ideas of the past, history of the nations and the reliability of the so-called sacred books of the churches, depends the life and death of every religion that is on the basis of revelation.

If discoveries could be made to prove that Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt even though it could not be proven that the Red Sea was divided for them, it would go a long way towards proving the authenticity of the Bible. If in addition to that it could be proven that Joseph was a resident of Egypt, and high in power, it would go farther, even though it did not prove the eventful occurrence of Potiphar's wife.

But if such occurrences were recorded, it would not be unreasonable to suppose that his connection with the famine in Egypt could be overlooked. That would surely be indelibly impressed on some of their monuments and would be of incalculable value in proving that the Bible had a foundation in actual fact as recorded in history.

Many men and women have spent years

in the seemingly hopeless task of deciphering the ancient hieroglyphs with no success until finding a monument which acted as a key, the whole scheme was suddenly laid bare to them since which time it has been a comparatively easy matter to decipher all the writings the Aryan races.

What can we expect from Prof. Hilprecht's discoveries.

A more complete history of the ancient races. That will give us a clearer insight into their lives, their customs, religious exercises, etc. Such an insight will give us a better idea of the religions of the present day.

Religion is not a thing of today. It has been a slow growth from time immemorial. It has worked its way up from the simplest forms through the ascending gradations, until it has reached the "heights" we now stand on. A history of religions reads like a fairy tale. Tracing back from its present to its cruder states, present religion is similar to other things we find in common life, for it shows the regular lines of development from cruder to higher forms—from the worship of inanimate forms, the heavenly bodies, the attributes of sex, the customs of birth and development of life, the growth of hero gods, the astral myths, the birth of saviors, i. e. messiahs, the Brahma, Vishnu and Siva principles, or the creator, savior and destroyer of life.

Such knowledge opened to the world will aid in abolishing old customs and replace old religions. We do not want a religion of drawing backward. We do want a religion of drawing forward. So we welcome the discoveries of such men as Prof. Hilprecht of the university of Pennsylvania. Prof. Sayce is another, but of the more devoutly religious stamp. He says, "Because the evidences of the truth of the Bible have not been found in our explorations it no evidence that they will not be found." Just so, Professor, and what the majority of the world is waiting for is for you to find them and present those lacking evidences. Truth is what we are looking for—no matter whom it hits, where it injures, or when or by what process it comes.

## BABY XILIA BARRETT ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

Like a clap of thunder from a clear sky came the following telegram:  
"Baby Xilia accidentally killed yesterday. Homeward bound. Pray for us."  
H. D. Barrett."

What a world of sorrow was locked up in those few words, only those who know H. D. Barrett well can realize.

The particulars of the accident, as given by the *Banner of Light*, are as follows:

"On Friday afternoon, Dec. 19, she was left sitting in her carriage on Washington street, Brookline, Mass., by her now heart-broken nurse, while executing an errand in a store, when a gust of wind rolled the carriage to the curb and precipitated the child to the street, where a frightened horse stepped upon her little head, fracturing the skull. She was taken to the Children's Hospital where she lived until six o'clock without regaining consciousness. These are the stern insupportable facts of an event which has wrought such sad havoc in so many loving hearts, and made of life a desolation, where it was once so full of hope and joy."

It is impossible to express our feelings on this event, and our sympathy with the bereaved parents. Besides being brothers and sisters in a common cause, we have been intimate friends, and words express so little, especially when the Angel of Death has called and with his sickle keen has smitten one who is near and dear to us.

Especially is this the case when a child is called away. When the aged pass to the other life, we look back upon a well-spent life, a labor performed. When a child is called, we wonder why nature could be so cruel. Is there somewhere in the great economy, a reason why this should be? Is there some reason why she should be taken and others whose lives did or do not promise so much for humanity be left on earth? Did Baby Xilia come to earth to lighten and bless the lives of H. D. and M. C. Barrett for thirty-two short months to become acquainted with some phase of earth life that was necessary to its spiritual unfoldment? and was their joy at her advent and sorrow at her going only a part of some great plan of an over-ruling power? Brother and sister Barrett, our hearts go out to you in your hour of trial. The sweet spirit that was given into your care was a light in your lives. With the knowledge you possess, you know she is not dead—has only gone on before and a joyous reunion awaits you in that better land where sorrows are lightened and parting never comes. The sorrow of the bodily parting will be broken in time by the blending of the spirit. Like the Messiah of old, she has gone "to prepare a place, that where she is you may be also."

Words are vain. We know that we speak for the entire Sunflower Family when we express our united sympathies and trust the burden may fall as lightly as possible on both of you.

## MANY THANKS, FRIENDS.

From time to time we have mentioned the names of those who have sent in lists of names accompanied by subscriptions, especially since our announcement of the proposed change from a bi-monthly to a weekly. We wish to add the following list and include them in our list of appre-

ciation. There may possibly be others, but if we have overlooked any, please remember that we fully appreciate your kindness and that you were unintentionally overlooked.

Ed. Kent, E. J. Pierce, Mrs. F. E. Fisher, Mrs. F. L. E. Thompson, C. B. Young, S. E. Latta, Harry Dalton, John D. Page, Mrs. Mary Jones, Tillie U. Reynolds, D. E. Young, W. R. Alger, Julia Stillman, Myrta Bailey, E. G. Reed, E. A. Sauer, Miss C. M. Gampp, Mrs. W. E. Wellington, Jennie Harper, Mrs. Laura A. Holt, James Dixon, John Parsons, James Beaton, H. E. Dowd, John B. Chrisney, John E. Neff, D. S. Knox, Marion B. Carter, Helen M. Gransbury, C. P. Meskimen, A. W. Dennis, Chris. H. Hooker, T. C. Saunders, Mrs. H. Keene, Mrs. H. Watson, T. A. Wilcox, M. D., John B. Farnsworth, Ira Williams, Mrs. Gilbert Turner, E. A. Fisher, Mrs. Sale White, C. H. Boxmeyer, Nellie Huntington, George Sucher, Mrs. N. A. Bachellor, Thorp Williams, E. C. Hyde, Mrs. S. Morris, Carrie Shaw, E. Wattle, George N. Moore, F. W. Handy, E. Beeman, Mercy E. Harrington, G. W. Hathaway, John H. Baillet, Mrs. J. D. Palmer, E. G. Rose, John Lord, Mrs. L. J. Sawyer, Mrs. J. Stumm, Mrs. F. A. Prosser, F. H. Gilm, Wm. L. Cottier, Mrs. M. E. Hecker, Anna Johnson, Chas. Tinker, Mrs. C. Burnham, J. P. Voerman, W. W. Kelsey, Wilmer Holmes, C. H. Pratt, Mrs. H. E. Luce, Dr. H. M. Barker, C. E. Smith.

Again friends, we thank you one and all for your kind assistance and trust you will be well repaid by the added satisfaction you get from receiving the paper 52 instead of 24 times during the next year.

## TRANSITION OF MORRIS PRATT.

We regret to announce the transition of Morris Pratt, which took place at his home in Whitewater, Wis., Dec. 21, at 11 p. m. As we will devote considerable space to his life and work in our next issue, we will not make an extended announcement at present.

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To Those Who Have Renewed Their Subscriptions Recently.

A number of people have sent us \$1.00 for two years subscription since the notice appeared stating that until December 25 we would send the weekly SUNFLOWER for 50c. Also a number of those whose subscriptions do not expire until after January 1, have sent 50c for a renewal. All of the first mentioned have had their subscriptions extended one year and six months, while the last have been extended six months, in accordance with the notice on page 6. Kindly note this now so there will be no misunderstanding when the subscriptions expire.

As soon as possible after January 1, the subscription list will be remodeled, and the date of expiration will be substituted for the number.

## Our Father and Friend.

To the God of Love, our father and friend, Our loving thoughts and aspirations rise, His listening ears hears our earnest cries, And showers of blessings on us descend. Our abortive efforts do not offend. He knows our weakness and the way is long, Harassed by trials to make us strong, He leads us safely to the journey's end. Infinite love weak human thoughts transcend, And we, frail mortals, children of the dust Possess life immortal that will not rust. We fade away; our spirits will ascend To higher spheres—life does not end At the subtle touch of death, the bright dawn Of another world, welcomes the new born Soul—Death is our liberator and friend. We are the branches on the Tree of Life, The finite parts of the Infinite whole, Possessing attributes of the Divine. Our spirits develop in love, not strife, While progressing to our destined good The perfect flowers on the living vine.

—Henry M. Edmiston.

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## N. Y. STATE CONVENTION.

Tillie U. Reynolds Writes a Very Interesting Letter.

Many pleasant things have crowded themselves into the record of spiritual experiences within the past month. The writer has served the society of Glens Falls during November and the first week of December. The people showed their appreciation of the inspired lectures and the weekly seances were very largely attended. The different ones who came seeking personal expressions of the loved ones from spirit spheres far exceeded all other times. The Tuesday evening preceding the close was most enjoyably filled by a number of friends gathering at the home of Mrs. Emma Norton.

Pleasant memories will always belong to each one present; after a social the dear friends from the beyond came and filled the measure of content full. One calling himself Tom is a quaint, but very wise control, surprised all by his scientific and chemical knowledge. We little know what we are entertaining, nor how much can be gained by seeking.

The next move of importance was the Mass Meeting held in Rochester, N. Y., December 12, 13 and 14. The weather had more influence than man and while the meetings were as conscientiously conducted as though there had been everything in their favor, yet the attendance was not as large as it would have been had the outside conditions been favorable.

I must mention the music which was under the direction of Mrs. Frey who also act-

ed as pianist. Miss McCall rendered some fine violin selections. Mr. Jones has a voice that touches all hearts with its sweetness, volume and soul and he rendered several selections. Roy Raymond, who has a wonderful voice sang twice. The thanks of the conductor are extended to all of the friends who took part.

The press was exceedingly kind. The last night the attendance was very large.

The rest of the time of the writer will be given to the home Troy society. The beginning of 1903 will see the advent of the missionary work for that year in this Empire State. And here let me state that any Society that needs the aid of a missionary to help them to be strong enough to help themselves can write to H. W. Richardson, East Aurora, N. Y., or to Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds, 137 Congress street, Troy, N. Y. and any aid that is possible will be given.

TILLIE U. REYNOLDS.

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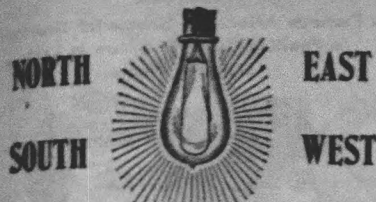
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## LIGHT FROM EVERYWHERE.



This department is conducted to assist our public readers to keep in touch with each other and with the people. Send us notice of your engagements or any other items of interest. Secretaries of societies are requested to send short reports of their work. Full names and addresses must accompany every article intended for publication.

E. W. Bond has gone to Lake Helen camp.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sherman have gone to Lake Helen for the winter.

Dr. G. N. Hilligoss and wife have gone to Lake Helen camp for the winter.

Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds will conduct meetings two Sundays also mid-week meetings at Troy, N. Y.

Tillie U. Reynolds, visited the Ladies' Aid in their new hall in Springfield, Mass. It is a new, spacious, pleasant hall. The gathering was large and an air of prosperity pervaded the place.

Carrie E. S. Twing writes from Lake Helen camp: "We arrived in the land of flowers Saturday, Dec. 20. Jasmine and roses are in bloom. There are a large number of people here for the time of the year."

J. Randall writes from Sunderland, Cal.: "Mrs. Effie Moss is in very poor condition, almost helpless; but still there is a slight improvement in the past few months. She regrets having been unable to attend camp at Lily Dale last season, but hopes to be there next season."

Thorp Williams, of Jamestown writes: "I just returned from a three-weeks trip to Olean, N. Y. and Port Allegheny, Pa., with my good wife, where she, through her readings caused a number to drop their skepticism in regard to the truth of spirit return."

G. W. Kates and wife, N. S. A. missionaries and organizers, desire week-night engagements in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky, during February, at places near Cincinnati, O. They also want to hear from societies and individuals relative to meetings en route to Colorado and the west. Address them 600 Penn. ave., Washington, D. C.

D. B. Jimerson, 283 7 St., Buffalo, N. Y. writes: I have held four successful seances at Niagara Falls, and am holding Tuesday and Friday evenings at our rooms. I have given several private seances in different homes. I will also hold a public seance on the 12 of January at the Spiritual Temple, corner of Prospect and Jersey to assist the building fund. We will remain here all through January.

G. W. Kates, the N. S. A. missionary, has made an appeal for financial help for the missionary cause, in order that places needing help, or where Spiritualism has not been publicly espoused may have N. S. A. missionary help. This being the season of giving it seems to be apropos to give to such a good cause. Address either of the missionaries or the N. S. A. secretary at 600 Pennsylvania Ave., S. E., Washington, D. C.

C. M. Hayes writes from Titusville, Pa.: "Our society is in a fairly good condition. We hold meetings every Sunday evening of the conference order. The attendance is gradually increasing. We are very proud of our new home; it is one of the best for entertainments and for lectures in the city. We would like to find a speaker who would help to work up a circuit of three or four places within easy reach of here, that would locate here."

Miss Edith Luce, Sec'y Sunflower Club, writes from Detroit, Mich.: "As an auxiliary to the society of Spiritual Unity, on December 4th, we organized a Sunflower Club, at the residence of our pastor, Rev. Margurite St. Omer Briggs. We held our first social, musical and literary entertainment at the pastor's residence consisting of songs, recitations etc., by the members. Coffee and cake were served during the evening. Mrs. Hutchings gave spirit messages which were all recognized. An address by the pastor closed a very enjoyable meeting. We hope soon to open a children's lyceum."

## A Letter From Fort Scott, Kan.

The Bourbon Co. Occult Association is marching grandly along. Our meetings have been marked with such interest that we have been compelled to remove from the G. A. R. Hall to the W. O. W. Hall which is much larger. Our policy of not charging a door fee is a great aid in building up the work as the people make better conditions for a medium

when collections are the rule. On Sunday, December 7, we had with us Mr. O. P. Dunakin of Chanute Kansas. He is a physical medium of rare powers; he is strictly a home circle medium and lives by carpenter work. In his dark seance two residents of the city sat by him and held him. Instruments played in the cabinet which was simply a corner fenced off by a curtain. Independent voices spoke to us and the spirit lights were very fine. The lights always form away from this medium and travel to him. In his light seance hands appeared and one prominent skeptic was called to the cabinet and almost knocked down, being struck by one hand and grabbed by another. During all these the medium was securely held. In his light seance were some striking medical tests and diagnosing. On Saturday evening previous to this seance while deeply entranced, Mr. Dunakin correctly gave me the grips of two secret orders that he does not belong to and of which I am a member.

The honesty of this medium is apparent to all and all his work carries with it a refinement and honor that aids the cause wherever he labors.

We give away free literature at all meetings, having recently received 15 lbs. of Spiritualist papers from A. F. Hinshaw of Albo, Neb., as a donation to the cause of truth. THE SUNFLOWER is also given out and is in great favor. Our policy is, no door fees, no unknown or suspicious talent on the platform, good music and plenty of tests.

After the people listen to a course of lectures on the physical phenomena they like to have good, physical proof. Properly handled, the physical seance is the greatest weapon Spiritualists possess, as it proves, as nothing else can, the existence of a force outside of ordinary channels, which takes cognizance of our acts and rejoices or sorrows with us. The lecturer and phenomenal medium together form a combination against which the anathemas of the church are powerless and that creates a light that shall never die but will shine on and on until darkness and superstition shall be no more, but liberty and progress shall rule forever.

J. M. WHITE

## Letter From Conneaut, Ohio.

Another New Year has come. It has brought to us many changes. It found some in sorrow and some in joy; some in adversity and some in prosperity. I am only too glad to say it found our society clasped in the latter. Not a ripple of disturbance, all harmony and peace. That is the secret of progression in a society.

We had Carrie E. S. Twing with us the 7th, and what a feast we had. She made a great hit among our people as well as among our orthodox friends. Some were heard to remark that she was the best Spiritualist speaker they ever listened to. She gave us some very fine compliments on our new home. I can truly say we are all very proud of having one of our own.

We hold our socials there now and had a fine one last Friday evening, realizing nearly \$12.00. The society recently purchased a new piano and have it nearly paid for. We are anxiously waiting for F. Corden White who is to be here the last two Sundays in January. We hope to have the hall filled to overflowing as he richly deserves a good audience. I hope the time is not far distant when we can have a permanent speaker. That is what we need.

Hoping all the readers of the grand old SUNFLOWER enjoyed a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I remain true to the Angel World,

MARY JONES.

## A New Book By T. A. Bland.

Dr. Bland has a new book ready for the press, this being his thirteenth. It is to be hoped that in this case 13 may prove a lucky number. This ought to be his most successful work, for it is a most attractive one to thinkers. It is "The Origin, Evolution, and Destiny of Man", and the name of the author is a guarantee, that those great subjects have been so treated as to be both instructive and interesting in the highest degree, for he is a thinker, a scientist, a philosopher, and a Spiritualist of the broad gauge progressive type.

We will not review this book until it is printed, but we are assured that it dispenses of Hudson's theory of Psychic Phenomena, most effectually, and also of the old theory of the creation, nature and destiny of man.

This book will be printed just as soon as enough people will promise in advance to buy it when it comes out, to secure the author against loss. It will be printed in fine style, bound in best cloth, with gold title, will contain a full page portrait of the author and be furnished to those who order it in advance at the very modest price of \$1. Write to Dr. T. A. Bland, 161 Hoyne Ave. Chicago, Ill. and he will file your letter or card, and when the book is out of press he will notify you.

## IT IS FROM THE UNKNOWN.

## Communication Received by a Lady While in a Trance.

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## A Prominent Fort Scott Lady Receives a Message From F. W. Lytle. The Lady is Highly Connected.

A prominent Ft. Scott lady, while in a trance, claims she received a communication from William Henry Lytle. The lady is connected with one of the best families in the city and offers to make oath that the following came to her from the departed spirit of the old war veteran:

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"How in camp and on field we never gave up until victory was ours and the Stars and Stripes once more waved over the land of the free and the homes of the brave. 'Twas no cowardly foe that we set out to conquer, but men worthy of our highest regards, in which the best blood of our forefathers run in their veins, and because of this it made the struggle so much harder fierce and the victory more glorious.

"And now as I look down upon our country I am glad that my blood was shed for her honor and that I was one of the many that made it possible that our country should once more be united, one and inseparable. Even in this country of liberty and peace I am proud to have hailed from the land over which 'old Glory' waves and the eagle screams sounds like martial music to the soldier's ear. I was never much of a musician, but the fife and drum were as angel choirs to my ears, at least I could understand their meaning and that is what there is to music.

"When the long array of 'boys in blue' swept over the country like some gigantic antediluvian monster, they met a contending foe and wrestled and fought, each bent on the destruction of the other. At last victory crowned our efforts and how nobly our worthy general treated our conquered enemies, not as rebels, but as erring brothers, welcoming them to their home fireside again and burying all old enmities in the warm clasp of friendship and forgiveness.

"And now how our country has prospered, until she stands at the head of every nation on the globe. But it has much yet to learn; the struggle between capital and labor will not be settled until much blood is shed. How sad to think that oppression is allowed to rule in this country of ours, but the right will eventually conquer and another needed lesson be learned. Nations are like individuals, nothing but experience will teach them, and very sad those experiences are sometimes, but as a rule they are not repeated and not easily forgotten. Knowledge is power, and knowledge gained by experience is of a lasting nature.

"Situated as I am it is easy for me to see the mistakes of my country, but I can see that in spite of all she is gradually forging to the front and in time will rectify her mistakes and nobly do her duty. She is getting help and sympathy from us, her departed soldiers, and if those in power will only listen to their silent advisers and heed them they and our country will be very much benefited thereby.

"The bond between the visible and the invisible is growing stronger every day, and those that never gave it a thought in the past are thinking and reflecting on the possibilities of such phenomena and consequently they are paying more attention to their impressions, therefore they are more than likely to do the right thing.

"Wonderful, indeed, has been the progress in Spiritualism in the past decade, and wonders are yet to come. All of your so-called electric inventions are due to spirit power. So you see we are not so dead as we might be, when we still love our country and our flag and are interested in the welfare of those less fortunate than us; we are still very much alive.

"And now I will close for this time, glad to have come to you.

"Hoping you will succeed in all your endeavors for the uplifting of humanity, I remain yours truly,

"WILLIAM H. LYTLE."

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## "Worth Preserving."

This is the title of a neat little pamphlet which I have printed and contains some beautiful sayings from the Bible and great men, which took me a long time to find. I will name a few of the titles: "Materialization," "Spirit Writing," "Independent Spirit Writing," "Trance Speaking," "Trance," "Healing," "Old Testament—Jesus the Healer," "Gifts of Healing," "Healing by Magnetized Articles," "Independent Spirit Voices," "Spirit Levitations," "Spirit Tests," "Spirit Communications in Dreams," "As Spiritualists, we seek and demonstrate through natural (God's) law," "The Requirements of a Healer and Patient," etc. I have nothing to sell whatever, and it is my earnest desire that every reader of "The Sunflower" should have a copy. Enclose stamp for postage. Address, R. M. ANGLE, M. S., 1234 Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill., U. S. A. 91-92.

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Christian people loot and plunder on the least provocation are heathen nations. Do you suppose we would dare loot poor old deluded China, or assimilate the Philippino, if they were good Christian people, like ourselves, for instance?"

"Name the Christian governments, please," the voice requested.

"Well," I began, "there are all the governments of the Western continent, except Philadelphia and New Jersey; and then there are England and France and Germany and Russia and Austria and Belgium and Switzerland and Greece and Spain and Italy and Sweden and—"

"Are they all at peace with the world?" interrupted the voice. "Has the birth and crucifixion of Christ brought peace to earth, good will to men?"

I felt up a stump for a moment, and wished I had not started in to lie quite so enthusiastically, but I surely expected to be admitted into the choir that had sung "peace on earth" in the long ago, and I didn't dare tell the whole truth, nor even one-tenth of the truth, for fear the members of that holy choir would pull my whiskers; so I made up my mind to talk like a new recruit and with all the enthusiasm of a raw convert I up and declared without a blush of guilt or shame:

"Oh, yes! yes, indeed! these Christian nations are all at peace with the world. They couldn't be called Christian nations at all, if they were practicing war and bloodshed. That would be murder, would it not? Or would it be assimilation?"

This put the man inside the gate up a persimmon tree for a few minutes, and I heard him talking in low tones to some one at his side. By and by he peeped out at me again, and I imagined there was a smile in his bright little eye as he enquired: "Have all these Christian nations stopped building gunboats and manufacturing cannons and guns and swords and hardtack?"

One lie begets a thousand offsprings, so I readily replied: "Yes, indeed! They have all quit making cannons. The last man who made cannons and other instruments to take human life, died in the poor house lately over in Germany. We have such big hunks of peace on earth that there is no market for guns amongst the Christian nations, and we are anxious to set a good example for the heathen to follow that we wouldn't think of selling the heathen nations any of our big guns. No, sir; not by a little brown jug full of sour milk."

"But you have some big guns on hand still; what do you do with them since peace has spread over the land?" the voice inquired of me, like a prosecuting attorney questioning the proprietor of a poker joint or a burglar.

"Oh, we use them to salt our meat in, and to store away our apple butter, while over in Germany they use them to shoot sauerkraut in from the rural districts to the city markets."

"And the left-over gunboats, why do they still carry such big cannons and gaudy officers?" the voice questioned again.

"Oh, they are used to sound the fog alarm," I replied; "they are cheaper than steam whistles, and can be heard twice as far. Besides this, they jar the world and condense the moisture of the air and make it rain on the great deserts, and—"

"And do you all trust in God and an overruling Providence?" the man asked again, as his hand struck a match on his overalls and handed it through the crevice, with the remark: "Here, light your pipe again before answering, as we don't want to work you too hard at such heavy lifting."

"Trust in Providence?" I repeated interrogatively; "bet your old wings and tail feathers we do! Why, the United States is simply all trust! There is the Standard Oil trust, Steel trust, Railroad trust, Shipping trust, Coal trust, Leather trust, Cracker trust, Watch trust, Tobacco trust, Copper trust, Rubber trust, Corn Trust, Wheat trust, Beef trust, Bankers Trust, 'Lawyers' trust, Doctors' trust, Preachers' trust, Sugar trust, Lumber trust, Granite trust, Wool trust, Cotton trust, Bible trust, Store Tooth trust, and—"

"Hold on, sir, that's trust enough for the whole generation of men and monkeys and baboons!" exclaimed the man inside the gate. "Nobody can accuse your part of the country for a lack of trusting and confidence men, but I don't like to see those gun foundries still at work."

"Oh," I exclaimed with new enthusiasm, for when once I begun to tell whoppers they came as easy as sliding down a celler door that is greased with a bacon skin, "that is easily explained; these big gun foundries are making plow shares and sausage grinders and cast iron contribution boxes and monkey-faced bootjacks, and pulpits and juremen, and double-jointed members of the legislature, and cast-iron laboring men to work on the railroads and the mines—men who can stand wrecks and cave-ins and air damp explosions, and do just what the civic federation may suggest, and—"

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Just here the fog bank melted away and I dropped—out of bed and skinned my left shin on the wash stand from shank bone to Beersheba, and then diagonally across to Barbara Allen, so to speak; and before I was all down in one big pile Betsey hollowed from under the bed cover: "My Christmas gift, you awkward old geezer!"

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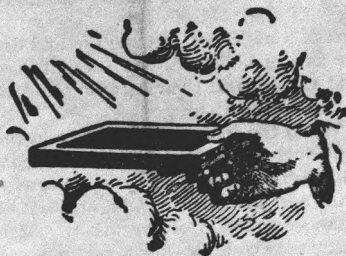
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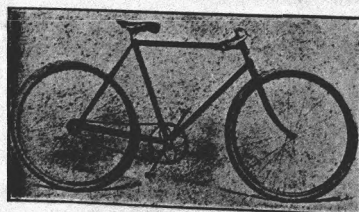
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