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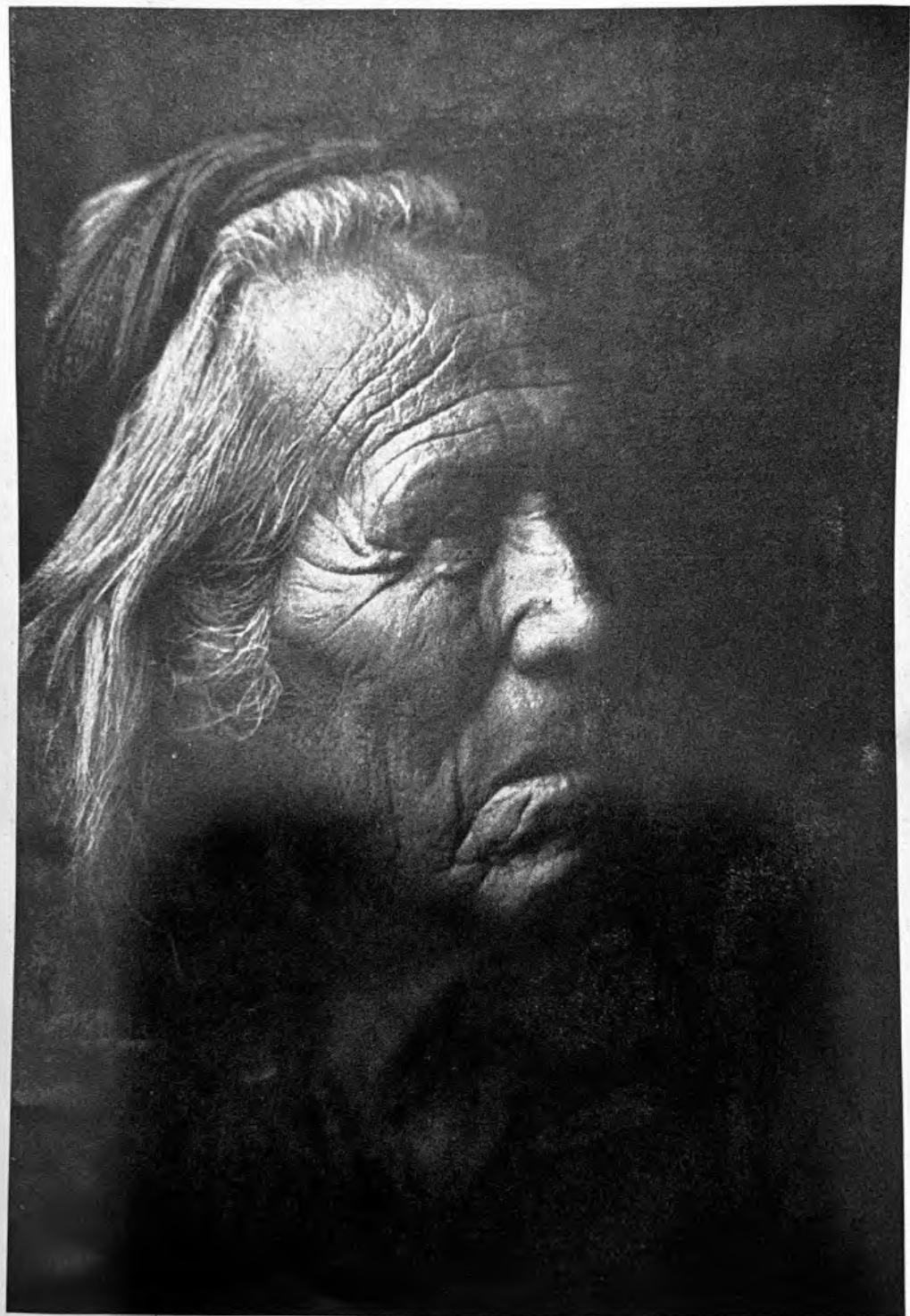
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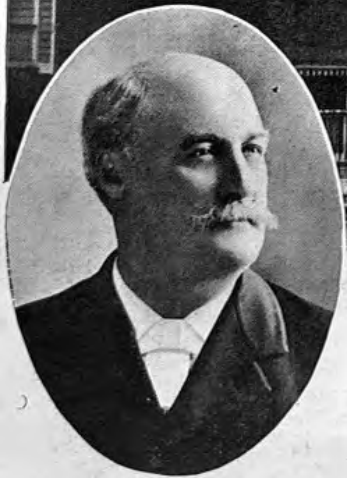
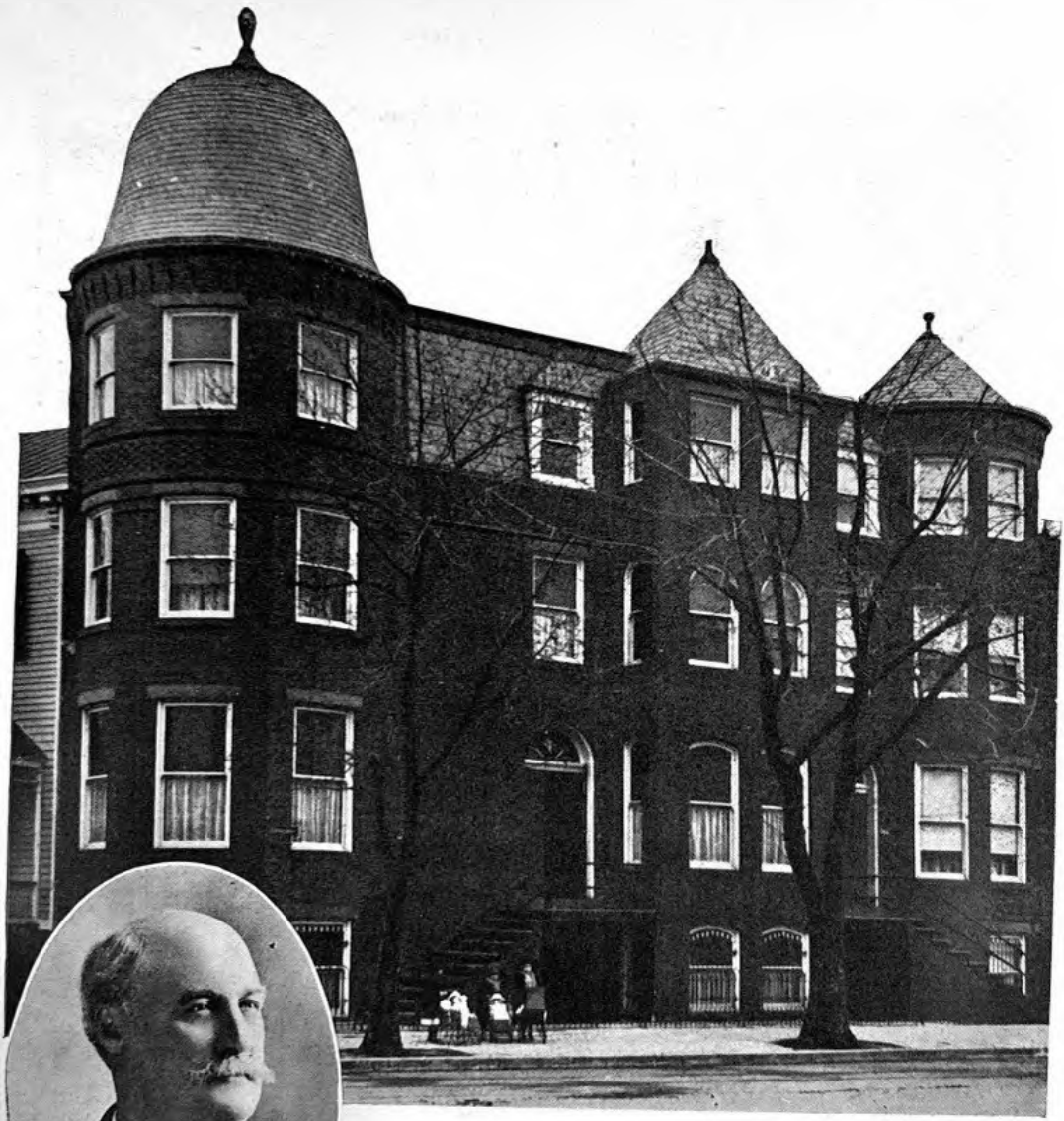
In presenting this Souvenir Book of the National and State workers, Churches and Lyceums, The Illinois State Spiritualist Association has made an effort to combine in one book the various organizations which show the strength of Spiritualism in the United States.

It has been no easy task to gather the material of which it is composed, and to its compiler, C. A. Burgess, President of the Illinois State Spiritualist Association, is due the credit of originating the plan as well as the compilation, which reflects great credit upon his energy and devotion to the cause. We, his associates, feel that in publishing this book, we have preserved for the benefit of future workers, something which will be of great value by showing the status of Spiritualism at the time of the 30th Annual Convention of the National Spiritualist Association.

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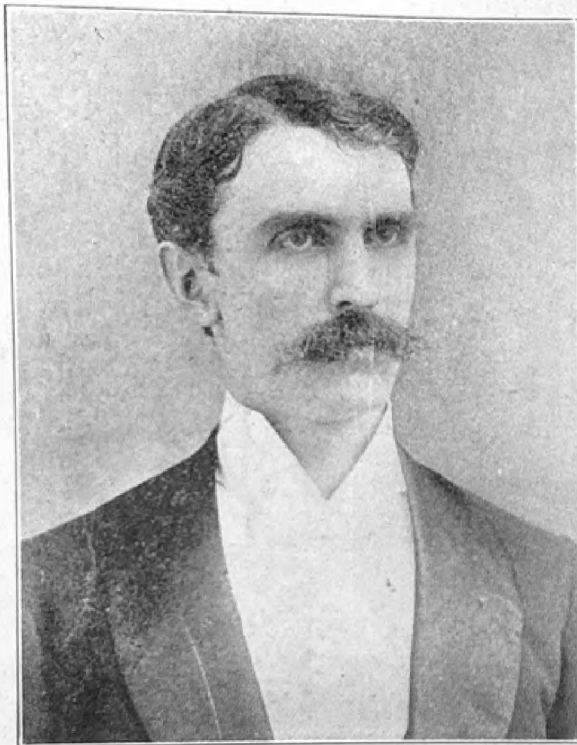


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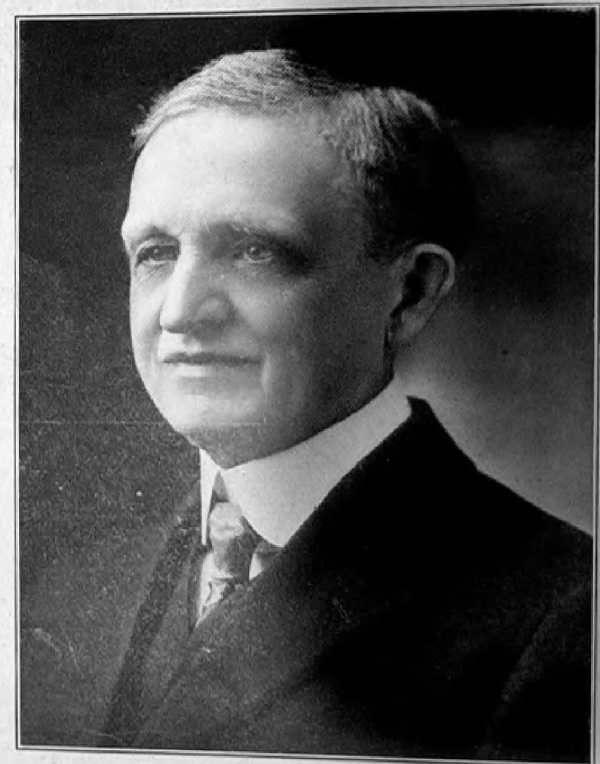


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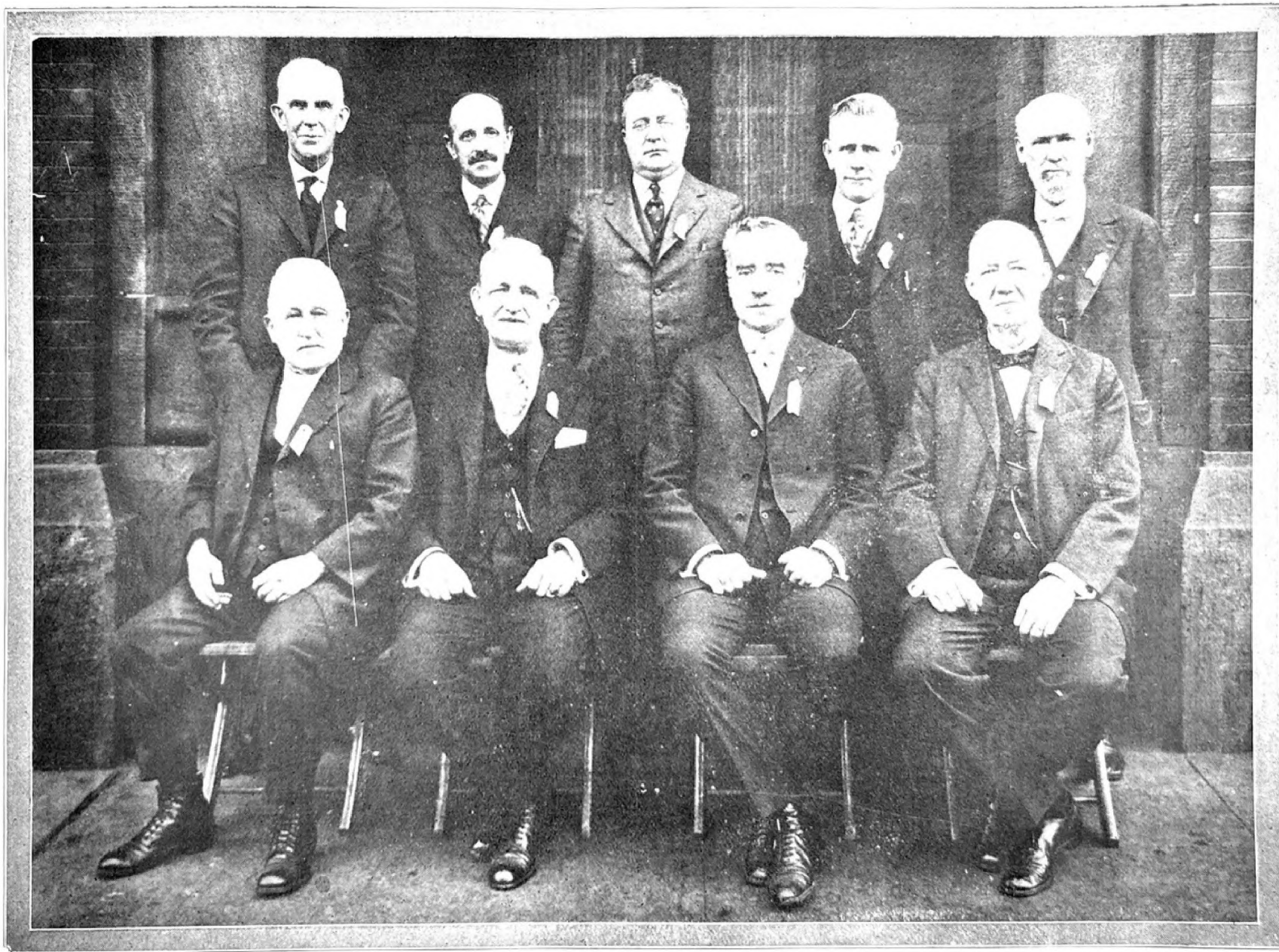


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DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES*

Adopted by N. S. A. Convention

Secs. 1 to 6 at Chicago, Ill., October, 1899.

Secs. 7 and 8 at Rochester, N. Y., October, 1909.

1. We believe in Infinite Intelligence.
2. We believe that the phenomena of Nature, both physical and spiritual, are the expression of Infinite Intelligence.
3. We affirm that a correct understanding of such expression and living in accordance therewith constitute true religion.
4. We affirm that the existence and personal identity of the individual continue after the change called death.
5. We affirm that communication with the so-called dead is a fact scientifically proven by the phenomena of Spiritualism.
6. We believe that the highest morality is contained in the Golden Rule: "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye also unto them."
7. We affirm the moral responsibility of the individual, and that he makes his own happiness or unhappiness as he obeys or disobeys Nature's physical and spiritual laws.
8. We affirm that the doorway to reformation is never closed against any human soul, here or hereafter.

*We are indebted to the Spiritualist Manual, an official publication of the N. S. A., for the accompanying Declaration of Principles, Definitions and General Outlines of Spiritualism.

AUXILIARY STATE ASSOCIATIONS

There are now in force 24 Charters for State Associations granted by the N. S. A. in the following jurisdictions:

California, Connecticut, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin.

The local auxiliaries affiliated with these State bodies aggregate 534, to which should be added 66 Charters of local societies issued directly by the N. S. A. principally in states as yet unorganized, and we find the N. S. A. is builded upon approximately 600 primary societies.

Annual Conventions of the N. S. A. are composed of representatives sent by auxiliary bodies and average from 350 to 500 authorized to transact the immediate business of that body. In addition to those numbers the total attendance at each yearly gathering is further increased by the presence of hundreds of non-delegated Spiritualists.

DEFINITIONS

Adopted by the

National Spiritualist Association

October 9, 1914, and October 24, 1919

1. Spiritualism is the Science, Philosophy and Religion of continuous life based upon the demonstrated fact of communication, by means of mediumship, with those who live in the Spirit World.

2. A Spiritualist is one who believes, as a part of his or her religion, in the communication between this and the spirit world by means of mediumship, and who endeavors to mould his or her character and conduct in accordance with the highest teachings derived from such communion.

3. A Medium is one whose organism is sensitive to vibrations from the spirit world, and through whose instrumentality, intelligences in that world are able to convey messages and produce the phenomena of Spiritualism.

“Spiritualism Is a Science” because it investigates, analyzes and classifies facts and manifestations, demonstrated from the spirit side of life.

“Spiritualism Is a Philosophy” because it studies the laws of nature both on the seen and unseen sides of life and bases its conclusions upon present observed facts. It accepts statements of observed facts of past ages and conclusions drawn therefrom, when sustained by reason and by results of observed facts of the present day.

“Spiritualism Is a Religion” because it strives to understand and to comply with the Physical, Mental and Spiritual Laws of Nature, “which are the laws of God.”

PHILOSOPHY of SPIRITUALISM

(In Brief)

Infinite Intelligence

Infinite Intelligence pervades and controls the universe, is without shape or form and is impersonal, omnipresent and omnipotent.

The Universe: Its Origin and Government

The origin of the universe, for all practical purposes, may be said to be unknown and without special bearing on moral conduct. The universe is an aggregate of forces and matter, which always moves and acts in the same manner under the same conditions and is not capriciously governed.

The Evolution of Man

Man is a spiritual being, evolved from the lowest forms of spirit life, up through the period of consciousness, to the estate of the higher moral and spiritual faculties, which survive, unaffected, the decomposition of the physical body.

Man's Duty on Earth

The whole duty of man in his mortal life consists in taking the first steps in the attainment of knowledge and in gradually developing his character and nature to harmonize with the fully unfolded spiritual state. This duty compasses the entire conduct of man, mentally, morally and spiritually.

Brotherhood of Man

By virtue of similar qualities, conditions, wants and aspirations, mankind is a brotherhood; and in this life, at least, cannot escape the good or evil effects of contact and conversation. It is, therefore, necessary that this brotherhood be promoted by the more fortunate ones for the betterment and upliftment of the less fortunate.

The Spirit: How Clothed After Death

After the change called death, the spirit is still clothed with matter, but of a more ethereal kind, corresponding with and suited to the conditions of its environment. This is known as the ethereal or spiritual body.

Man's Individuality

In the spirit world man retains his individuality, and the unfoldment of his mental, moral and spiritual faculties is continued indefinitely by processes not unlike the manner pertaining to this world.

Matter and Spirit Always Co-related

As matter and spirit are in conjunction in man, so are they found co-related throughout the universe. Spirit is able to manifest only through matter.

Substance and Formation of the Spirit World

The earth, otherwise called the natural world, is the germ-repository and foundation of the spiritual world. The spiritual world is composed of a series of concentric zones or spheres, the innermost of which immediately surrounds the earth. The spiritual world is in one sense a material world; but it is higher, both in its constituents and in the order of its formation. The difference is similar to that of the rose and its liquidated fragrance. The best imponderable emanations of the earth gravitate to what we call the spiritual world and help to form its substance.

The earth, as well as all other planets, eliminates its finest aura and atoms, which ascend in the form of atmospheres and imponderable elements, which halt suspended at a point in space, where the inward principle of affinity begins to operate. These accumulated emanations associate, and become compact, firm, strong and inter-coherent; and this progressive development goes forward until a vast aurelian zone is formed, the most rarified emanations of the denser zones near the earth always gravitating outwardly from the earth to be incorporated into the

more refined zones or spheres. The substance of which the spirit world is composed is tangible to the spiritual beings who inhabit it.

Man's Moral Status After Death

After the spirit has severed its relations with the physical body, man's moral status is the same as immediately before the change, and he enters into a high or low estate according to his attainments in this world. By a subtle law both the good and the evil he has done are fairly weighed; he himself holds the scales and renders the judgment.

Earthly Deeds Affect Spiritual Existence

Good deeds, spring from a good heart, have a creative force in building pleasant abodes in spirit life, and conversely the sinful create their own unhappy habitations. The wicked must compensate for their evil deeds, here or hereafter, and attain a state of justice before they are prepared to enter upon the path which leads to spiritual happiness and progression.

Conditions in the Spirit World

The spirit world is both a locality and a state of existence, governed by natural laws, and is suited for the display of human characteristics and powers in their varied aspects and degrees. It is divided into higher and lower spheres, adapted to the wants of its denizens and providing for their advancement and higher spiritualization.

Children Grow in the Spirit World

Children, and other persons passing out before they have reached their full stature, grow to their full stature in the spirit world; but they are able, by the exercise of will power, to make their appearance, in size and form, as it was at the time of their passing out. These laws apply also to the babe which dies physically unborn.

Happiness Attainable by All

All dwellers in the spirit world who are willing may attain a state of complete happiness, but in cases of some evil-doers much suffering must be endured before they can free their imag-

inations from the scenes of their evil deeds or their souls from the sense of guilt. Spiritual happiness does not depend primarily upon belief or creed, but upon character. Salvation from the results of sin is not a gift; it must be worked out by the individual with the aid of such advice and instruction as others may give.

Purpose of Spirit Life

The purpose of life in the spirit world is to unfold the mental, moral and spiritual faculties: to study the works of nature, to help perverse and undeveloped spirits out of their low condition, to minister to earth's children, either through influence directly exerted or through the instrumentality of mediums, to enjoy the fellowship of kindred minds and to share the sweetness of pure love.

Spirit Manifestations

The inhabitants of the spirit world, under proper conditions, have the power to, and many do, return to this world and manifest themselves in various ways, from a mental suggestion to a visual appearance. They sometimes take possession of the brains of sensitive mortals and function through them mentally and physically. The extent to which this can be done depends upon the knowledge of the controlling spirit and the kind and degree of mediumistic qualities possessed by the sensitives.

Spirit Communications to Be Tested

Communications from the spirit-world are not necessarily infallible truths, but may partake of the imperfections of the mind from which they emanate and of the channels through which they come, and are, moreover, subject to misinterpretation by those to whom they are given.

No inspired communication, in this or any past age, whatever claims may be or have been set up as to its source, is authoritative beyond the truth it expresses to the person to whom it is given. Truth is the standard by which all inspired and all spiritual teachings must be tested. There were false as well as true prophets in Old Testament times, as well as in the present age.

Inspiration Perpetual

Inspiration, or the influx of ideas and promptings from the spirit world, is not a miracle of the past age, but a perpetual fact, the ceaseless method of Infinite Intelligence for human elevation.

Mediumship

Mediumship does not depend upon belief or goodness. It has been manifested in all ages, to men of all faiths, to the good, the bad and the indifferent. Goodness and character are the result of individual effort, self control and earnest desire. The truths of Spiritualism have been established after much questioning, much examination, much comparison and much testing. They have come for many years through mediums all over the globe and from many different spiritual sources, with wonderful unanimity; and they satisfy our reason and our sense of justice.

Objects

The objects of the organized movement of Spiritualism may be stated in part as follows:

To teach the truth and principles expressed in the Declaration of Principles and in the Definitions of "SPIRITUALISM," "A SPIRITUALIST" and "A MEDIUM," as adopted by the National Spiritualist Association of the United States of America.

To teach and proclaim the science, philosophy and religion of modern Spiritualism, to encourage lectures on all subjects pertaining to the Spiritual and Secular welfare of mankind. To protest against every attempt to compel mankind to worship God in any particular or prescribed manner. To protect and encourage spiritual teachers and mediums in all laudable efforts in giving evidence or proof to mankind of a continued intercourse and relationship between the living and the so-called dead. To encourage every person in holding present beliefs always open to re-statement as growing thought and investigation reveal new truth, thereby leaving every individual free to follow the dictates of reason and conscience in spiritual as in secular affairs.

What Spiritualism Is and Does

It teaches personal responsibility.

It removes all fear of death, which is really the portal of the spirit world.

It teaches that death is not the cessation of life, but mere change of condition.

It teaches, not that a man has a soul, but that man is a soul, and has a body.

That man is a spiritual being now, even while encased in flesh.

That as man sows on earth he reaps in the life to come.

That those who have passed on are conscious—not asleep.

That communion between the living and the “dead” is scientifically proved.

It thus brings comfort to the bereaved, and alleviates sorrow.

Spiritualism is the Science, Philosophy and Religion of continuous life, based upon the demonstrated fact of communication, by means of mediumship, with those who live in the Spirit World.

It brings to the surface man's spiritual gifts, such as inspiration, clairvoyance, clairaudience and healing powers.

It teaches that the spark of divinity dwells in all.

That as a flower gradually unfolds in beauty, so the spirit of man unfolds and develops in the spirit spheres.

Spiritualism is God's message to mortals, declaring that There Is No Death. That all who have passed on still live. That there is hope in the life beyond for the most sinful.

That every soul will progress through the ages to heights, sublime and glorious, where God Is Love and Love Is God.

It is a manifestation, a demonstration, and a proof of the continuity of life and of the truth of the many Spirit manifestations recorded in the Bible.

It demonstrates the many Spiritual gifts with which man kind is endowed, but which through want of knowledge have been allowed to lay dormant, or through prejudice have been violently and unjustly suppressed.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT SPIRITUALISM

What Is a Spiritualist?

A Spiritualist is one who believes, as a part of his or her religion, in the communication between this and the spirit world by means of mediumship, and who endeavors to mould his or her character and conduct in accordance with the highest teachings derived from such communion.

Can a Spiritualist be a Christian?

Yes. A belief in spirit communication does not conflict with the Teachings of *most* sects. The Christian Bible confirms its truth repeatedly.

Is Spiritualism a Religion?

It is a Religion, Philosophy and Science in one. It has a National Organization, State Associations, numbers of churches, and a solemnly ordained ministry. Yet one may become convinced of its truth without actually becoming a member of the church to the exclusion of any other church.

What Would Convince Me of Its Truth?

Your own reason and common sense after a thorough and scientific investigation.

How Should I Go About This Investigation?

By obtaining literature from the National Spiritualist Association and by questioning the officials of State Associations or pastors of local churches. Study of Philosophy; and the Phenomena which demonstrates and proves the Philosophy.

How Can I Study the Philosophy?

By careful reading and thinking over the literature mentioned, and by taking the trouble to ask questions of our officials and others qualified to answer.

How Can I Study the Phenomena?

By attending services held by local Spiritualist

Churches, at which these phenomena are actually demonstrated by our sensitives.

What Is a Sensitive?

A Sensitive or a Medium is one whose organism is sensitive to vibrations from the spirit world, and through whose instrumentality, intelligences in that world are able to convey messages and produce the phenomena of Spiritualism.

What Is This Influence?

It is the transference of impressions or ideas by a disembodied spirit direct to the brain of the sensitive. The most noted scientists of today recognize that thought transference is possible and call it "Telepathy."

How Do You Know That This Influence Is Exercised by Spirits?

Because under it sensitives accomplish things which would be impossible to them under ordinary conditions, and plainly show in many other ways that they are being used as a medium of communication by some other individual.

Then Are These Sensitives "Fortune-Tellers?"

NO! Our sensitives, many of whom are ordained clergy of our church, thus perform a sacred duty. Communications coming thru them frequently refer to material and every-day matters because you ask for such, and because, to a certain extent, such are necessary to arouse interest and induce further investigation.

But Do They Not Foretell the Future?

It is sometimes done to a certain extent through their means. An inhabitant of the Spirit World can, to a degree, predict future events with greater or less accuracy, according to conditions. This is done by *reasoning* based on observation of past and present conditions and events, and is more accurate than in the same process

as used by us, because the Spirit reasoner is not hampered by a physical body, nor by the conventional and set ideas that go with the limitations of such a body.

Then of What Use Is Spiritualism, if not to Predict the Future?

This is a mistaken idea held by most people. The prediction of the future is of very little importance. Spiritualism's greatest value lies in the fact that, when its truth is generally accepted, it will completely revolutionize many accepted but antiquated ideas and customs.

In What Way Could That Be Possible?

Because Spiritualism proves not only that we continue to exist consciously after the death of the physical body, but that we are then still responsible for our actions while here. We cannot escape the consequences of our acts, good or bad. Therefore, if a majority of earth's inhabitants become firmly convinced of this fact, plainly the glaring defects and abuses of our present life will gradually disappear, as each individual will exercise greater care not to injure others, because of the consequences and resultant injuries to himself.

But Why Is Spirit Communication Necessary to Bring This About?

Because that is the only *definite* and *positive* way by which the fact of *unavoidable personal responsibility after "death"* can be unalterably proven by man. All present-day religions teach this to a certain degree, but all absolutely fail to convince their followers *beyond doubt*, because they must rely on faith alone, and cannot give definite proof.

What Other Benefit Is Spirit Communication?

It completely removes the fear of death, by proving that there *is* no death of the actual person. It convinces us that it is merely stepping from a lower state of existence into a higher, exactly as the worm apparently "dies" to become the butterfly. It does away with absolute separation of those closely united, thereby relieving us of the worst of material sorrows. It also inspires us to purer

and more progressive ways of life, by proving beyond a doubt the advantages of right action and the disadvantages of wrong action. Other benefits will be discussed later.

Then Why Do Your Sensitives Not Confine Themselves to This Teaching, Instead of Giving the Messages We Generally Hear?

Because, like a baby, the average person must creep before he can walk—that is, he must first become interested in investigating, then become thoroughly convinced that the manifestations are caused by his friends in Spirit Life and then he may begin to study the philosophy. These questions and answers are designed to be a groundwork in such investigation and study, exactly as one must learn to read before he can study the higher sciences.

But Why Do Sensitives Accept Fees for Their Work?

For the same reason that ministers and priests accept fees for weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc., in addition to their regular salaries. They are special, personal services, for which the clergyman is entitled to a special and personal fee for his knowledge and time.

If Spirit Communication Is a Fact, Why Was It Not Established Long Ago?

Because at no time in history have the people at large been ready to receive it, until now. Spirit communications have been constantly given during thousands of years, but only the priesthood of each nation were sufficiently educated to recognize and receive them. The people were densely ignorant and grossly material in thought, and therefore could understand only material things, and so left no way open for spirit communications to be understood.

Then Must We Be Highly Educated to Receive Spirit Communications Direct?

No, but you must remember that the least educated American citizen is far more enlightened than were the common people of even a century ago. There **must** be at least some groundwork of education and the right of free

thought, in order to remove superstition and lay a foundation for the proper understanding of spiritual manifestations.

But Some of Your Sensitives Seem to Have Little Education?

That is one convincing proof. We often receive, through sensitives of moderate education, communications which plainly come from a trained and educated mind. That alone is strong evidence that the message does not originate with the sensitive, but comes from without.

Some Manifestations Seem Childish, of What Use Are "Rappings" and the Like?

Such conclusions are not the result of careful thought; as the rappings of a telegraph instrument, when properly interpreted, carry messages of vital import from nation to nation and around the world, so rappings from spirit world, when properly interpreted, carry messages of vital import and of highest philosophy from the inhabitants of the spirit world to man on the earth plane, by the use of natural forces.

To What "Natural Forces" Do You Refer?

Electric currents, the same as are used in operating the telegraph instrument, also as now used in sending the wireless message from city to city and from continent to continent. It is no more logical to call the spirit rap childish than it would be to call the dot and dash of the telegraph childish. As the telegraph instrument is only a toy to a child, so the rap from the spirit world seems only a toy to the uninformed mind that fails to grasp the vast import of the fact that there is no death, and that definite communication has at last been established between man in the mortal and man in the spirit body.

Are You Willing to Submit to Scientific Investigation?

Certainly. We court scientific and philosophical investigation of our phenomena and philosophy.

Then Why Has Not Science Demonstrated Your Claims?

Every scientist who has investigated thoroughly and

without prejudice has been convinced of the truth of these facts. Some of the greatest minds of our day, such as Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Alfred Russell Wallace, Sir William Crookes (discoverer of the x-ray), Camille Flammarion, William T. Stead and Sir Oliver Lodge of England, Edgar Lucien Larkin, of Mt. Lowe Observatory, and other world-famous scientific men have announced themselves convinced.

Then Why Do We Read So Much About Scientists Rejecting These So-called Facts?

Some men are so prejudiced that they make no investigations. Others investigate unfairly, demanding material proof of spiritual truths without being willing to assist in forming the spiritual conditions necessary to produce the results desired, which is unfair and as impossible as it would be to carry an electrical message from one city to another on a silk thread or a ball of twine.

Why Do You Not Attempt to Convince the Scientific World?

Unprejudiced scientists have found no difficulty in finding absolute scientific proof of the possibility of communicating with the spirit people, under proper conditions.

Would Your Beliefs, if Accepted, Upset Modern Science?

No. Spiritualism is the only religion which harmonizes with science in every way. Not one proven scientific fact contradicts the truths we teach, but on the other hand, all uphold and prove our conclusions.

Why Then Do We Not Hear More Scientific Teachings From Your Platforms?

Because our teachings must be so explained as to be understood by all minds. Many people can be interested only by tests or messages dealing with material matters. Also we find it necessary to prove our phenomena, before we can interest the public in our philosophy. Very few people accept as a fact the possibility of the continuity of life.

Does the Exercise of Mediumship Harm the Sensitive?

No more than any other work. In fact, it is distinctly beneficial if combined with proper exercise, relaxation, and recreation, which everybody should have. Some sensitives have an inclination to overwork and are then harmed just as anyone would be who carried any occupation to excess. We know of many cases in which sensitives have been benefited physically and mentally by their work, to an astonishing extent.

Are Spirit Communications Always Correct?

Not always, but usually so. The spirit merely uses its best judgment in offering advice, and although it can see many causes which produce certain results, more clearly than the average mortal can do, they are still fallible, and so claim to be, and are liable at times to be mistaken. It is also true that there are times, when owing to certain physical conditions or weaknesses, the Medium cannot be reached by the particular spirit who would be best able to give the advice desired. A Medium acting wisely under such conditions would refrain from reading or exercising her mediumship until more perfect mental and physical conditions should obtain. We claim not that our sensitives are infallible, but that they are honestly doing their best to help you, and that they DO bring messages from the spirit world.

Are There Then Other Methods of Communication Besides Spirit Raps?

Yes; since the knowledge of spirit communication came to be understood by the human mind much of bigotry, superstition and prejudice have been removed, and the human organism has been able to respond to natural impulses without fear of persecution and possible death. As a result we find mediumship manifesting in many beautiful forms, such as those of clairvoyance, clairaudience, slate writing, materialization, spirit healing and inspiration.

How Can I Know That Any Particular Sensitive Is Trustworthy?

Most sensitives are honest in their intentions, but none can ever claim to be infallible. Such a claim on their part would of itself be a positive proof of their lack of knowledge and honesty, and would prove them unworthy of confidence. The mistrust, by the public, of Mediums and Mediumship, is the result largely of ignorance, or superstition on the part of some who have not learned to understand that message from the Spirit world are natural and do not claim to be supernatural or infallible.

Is Not Mediumship a Supernatural Gift?

No. Mediumship is a natural gift, and is subject to the operation of natural laws, as are all the manifestations of nature, whether in the material or the spiritual world, which must be understood and complied with.

Is There Any Way of Knowing Who Are the Recognized Sensitives in the Spiritualist Ranks?

Yes. The National and State Spiritualist Associations issue papers each year to Sensitives whom they believe to be qualified and worthy.

Can Any One Get These Papers?

We grant such papers only after the applicant has undergone certain training education and examination and has proven himself competent to receive and transmit communications from the Spirit World. Our Sensitives correspond to the clergy of denominational churches. We have Ordained Ministers, Licentiates and Associate Ministers.

Can I Depend Upon Getting a Satisfactory Communication From the Spirit World Through Any Medium Holding Such Papers?

Not necessarily so. Not even our best developed mediums can reach into all conditions or read satisfactorily for all people; some can read or receive messages for one individual and others for another. There are conditions and laws governing mediumship which are not generally

understood but which must be complied with in order to obtain satisfactory results.

What Class of Spirits May One Expect to Come in Contact With When Visiting a Spiritualist Medium?

The character of the spirits one will meet in visiting a Medium is liable to be as varied as are those of the individuals one comes in contact with each day on the earth plane.

Can You Classify Them According to Their Desires and Intentions?

Each Spirit communicating through a Medium does so with a special object in view. In a general way they may be classified under three different heads. FIRST, those who are so bound to earth conditions that they will try to come into contact, and communicate with it through any avenue they find available; SECOND, those who are naturally attracted to us by the ties of relationship and the laws of love. THIRD, those advanced and developed Spirits who return from the higher spheres of life in the Spirit world, filled with Holy Love for Humanity, for the purpose of guiding and leading mankind into higher knowledge and Further Light.

Do Not Messages Sometimes Come From Spirits Who Have Never Lived in a Physical Body?

We have no knowledge of any such Spirits. Those returning even from the higher spheres all claim to have traveled this way, to have met and overcome temptation have unfolded a knowledge of God's laws which are nature's laws both on the material and on the spiritual sides of life, and to have earned by honest work and effort their right to the Light which they have attained.

Do You Not Often Come in Contact With Evil Spirits?

Those whom you call evil spirits are also the spirits of those who have lived on the earth plane. Many of them through lack of opportunity, want of proper education, and the influence of wrong social conditions have passed

through this world and into the Spirit World in absolute ignorance of Spiritual laws. They are, however, no worse than mankind has sent them into the Spirit World, and they are still our Brothers and Sisters.

Are You Not Afraid to Come in Contact With Such Spirits?

No. It is no more dangerous to come in contact with the undeveloped in the Spirit world than it is to come in contact with the undeveloped on the material plane of life. ALSO, ignorance of the presence of an undeveloped Spirit is no safeguard against its influence upon the individual with whom it comes in contact. Only by a knowledge of these laws will mankind ever be able to free itself from undesirable conditions which cause insanity, drunkenness, murder, suicide and war.

Do You Think That a Knowledge of Spiritualism Can Produce These Results?

Yes. What ignorance and superstition have failed to do, a knowledge of Nature's laws can accomplish. The TRUTH alone can free the Human mind and start it on the pathway in search of truth, Physical, Mental and Spiritual truth.

What Effect Does the Fact of Spirit Communication Have on the Undeveloped Spirits?

The Spirits from the darker spheres often are allowed to visit the Spiritualist circle, in order that they may obtain a knowledge of things which were denied them while they were on earth. Often times they come honestly seeking for knowledge and for light. Such spirits on learning for the first time that there is still an opportunity for them to develop and to outgrow the unhappy conditions acquired during their life on earth, seek earnestly to unfold into better conditions. They return frequently to the circle seeking more light, and in time they start on their pathway of eternal progression. Thus by showing the light in all dark places on both sides of life, by educating both man in the body and man in the spirit will

our earth be freed from that darkness which man calls evil.

Will All Then Have an Opportunity to Progress, and to Undo the Many Mistakes Committed on This Side of Life?

Yes. Every Human Soul born into life is a child of GOD and the opportunity for development will at some time be realized and taken advantage of by each one. Spiritualism proclaims "THE DOORWAY TO REFORMATION IS NEVER CLOSED AGAINST ANY HUMAN SOUL HERE OR HEREAFTER."

What Other Principle Does Spiritualism Proclaim and Uphold?

The National Spiritualist Association of the United States of America has adopted what is known as its "DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES" which consist of eight short articles of which the above is the eighth.

All of the eight Declaration of Principles will be found printed on Page 4 of this Manual.

Do You Believe That Messages Ever Come from Spirits Other Than Those Who Have Previously Lived in Physical Form?

No; we know of no such other spirits. We do not believe in "fairies," "demons," "elementals," "astral shells," nor any such imaginary beings, whose existence cannot be proven. There is no reason why such creatures should exist. Such beliefs are neither scientific, nor do they follow the Laws of Nature, as these are disclosed by our philosophy. We impress upon you once more that our belief contains nothing but what is in accord with Natural Law, and which can be concretely proven.

Do You Not Believe in "Good" and "Evil" Spirits?

We believe in INTELLIGENT and IGNORANT spirits. No being is naturally "bad"—evil always originates in ignorance. Merely leaving the physical body does not change the condition of the spirit, which is the ACTUAL PERSONALITY. It must learn to desire, and

to progress to higher and better conditions, just as we do on earth.

Do You Mean That We Must Be Re-Incarnated Into a New Body?

NO! You can correct the mistakes of earth life, while in the Spirit world, without living on the material plane of life again.

But Are Not Your Teachings Allied to Theosophy, Hinduism, Etc.?

Not at all. Such teachings undoubtedly contain some elemental truths, as do all religions, but the application of them differs from ours.

Then You Do Not Believe in "Magic"?

Decidedly not! "Magic" implies something supernatural; we teach that nothing ever happens except by action of NATURAL LAW.

Then What of Biblical Miracles?

"Miracle" means something done in defiance of Natural Law, therefore there are no Miracles. The demonstrations you speak of can be manifested today by our Sensitives (often called mediums) by the application of perfectly natural forces, when the necessary conditions for such manifestations are provided.

What Constitutes a Sensitive or Medium?

A Sensitive is one whose organism is sensitive to vibrations from the Spirit world, and through whose instrumentality Intelligences in that world are able to convey messages and produce the Phenomena of Spiritualism.

Cannot Ill-Disposed Spirits Harm Us?

Only in the same way that unfitting companions can harm you. Your associates have a direct influence on you for good or evil, whether they are in this life or the next. If your own desires are good, nothing but good will come to you.

We Can Choose What Spirits Shall Approach Us?

Certainly. Like attracts like. If you are striving to live a pure, progressive life, you will attract personalities who have like ideals.

Can These Spirits Influence Us Consciously?

Yes, if you desire it. NO PERSON, SPIRIT OR MORTAL, CAN INFLUENCE BY TELEPATHY EITHER FOR GOOD OR ILL, ANYONE WHO DOES NOT IN SOME WAY INVITE SUCH INFLUENCE. You can receive great help from your spirit friends if you ask for it and open your mind to receive it.

In What Form Do Such Influences Come?

In the form of impressions, transferred directly to your SOUL CONSCIOUSNESS. You may not receive them without some training; yet, on the other hand, many people get them continually, but fail to credit them to the true source.

Do These Spirits Come from a Heaven, a Purgatory or a Hell?

We do not believe in such places. Communicating spirits have merely graduated from this form of life into another one. That life can be heaven or hell-like, just as each spirit chooses to make it; the same applies to our life here.

Have They Any Special Place of Abode?

They are subject to certain natural laws which regulate the life of each; as the spirit advances in purity and knowledge, its sphere of action widens. The World of Spirit permeates the entire universe—as real and tangible to those who have passed into it as this life and world are to us.

If There Is No Hell, How Are the Evil Punished?

Remember, there is no evil except that which comes from ignorance. Hence we do not believe in punishment, but we KNOW that all actions have direct result. Thus acts which injure others re-act on the doer; sometimes

physically, but ALWAYS spiritually, placing him yet lower in the scale of spiritual development, and retarding his progress and development in Spirit Life. Injurious acts must then be offset by generous, helpful and self-sacrificing deeds and thoughts, which, in their turn, exert an uplifting and beneficial effect on the spiritual status and condition of the individual.

Then Even Criminals Can Progress?

Yes. Even the most degraded personality can in time attain to the greatest heights. It is easier, however, to begin progression in earth life.

Then You Do Not Believe in "Vicarious Atonement."

NO. Each must work out his own salvation; each has an equal opportunity to do this when he shall have atoned for the wrongs and overcome the TEMPTATIONS AND ALLUREMENTS TO THE SENSE GRATIFICATIONS OF EARTH LIFE.

Will Not Such Teachings Encourage Selfishness and Crime?

Exactly the opposite. When you KNOW, beyond possible doubt, that you cannot escape by "death" from the consequences of your acts, but must surely face them in a short time, you will feel much more disposed to avoid deeds that may injure others.

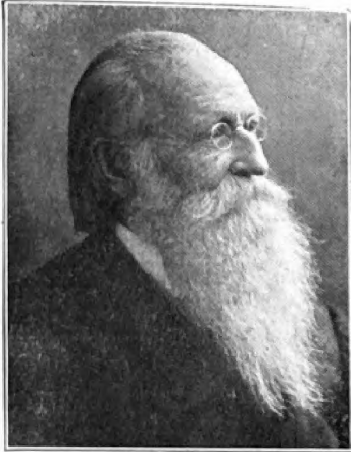
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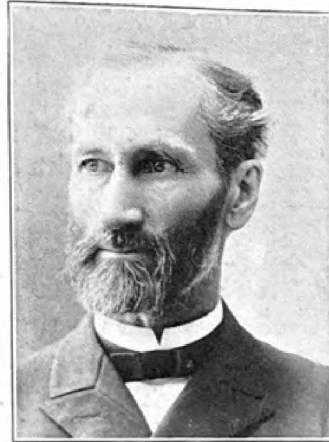
Will Your Teachings Affect Our Political and Social Life?

They will inevitably revolutionize it and purify it for the reasons just given in the several preceding paragraphs. But we aim to BUILD UP—not to TEAR down. Under our philosophy, improper political and social conditions will be gradually righted by the sure, mental and spiritual growth and development of the individual, requiring no campaign of destruction first.

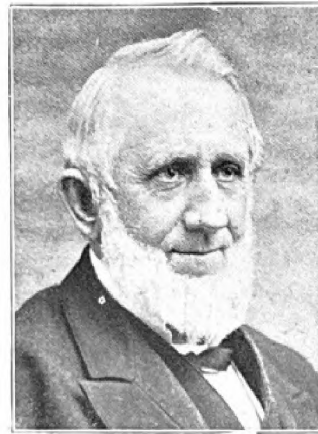
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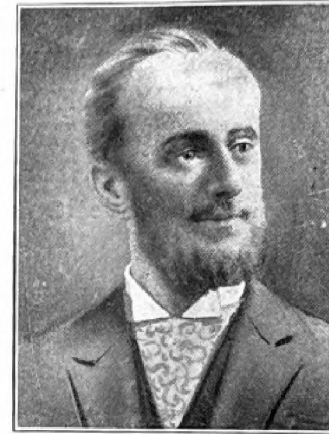
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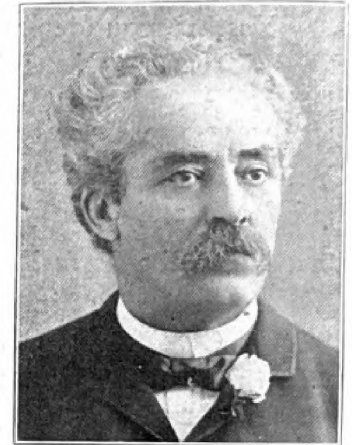
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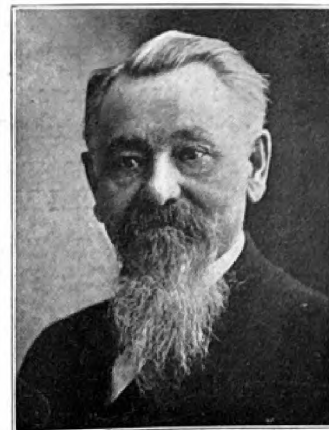
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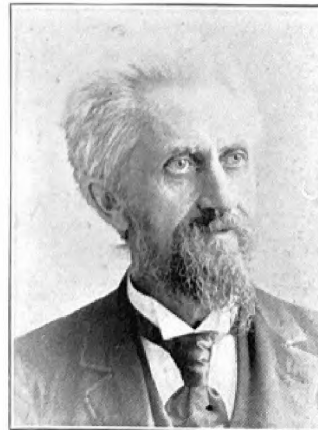
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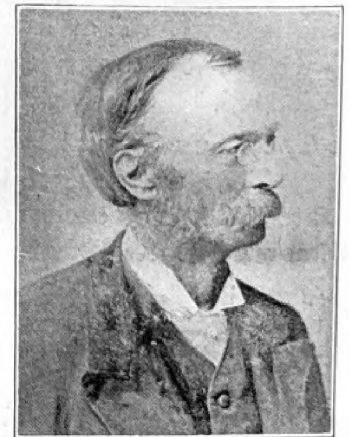
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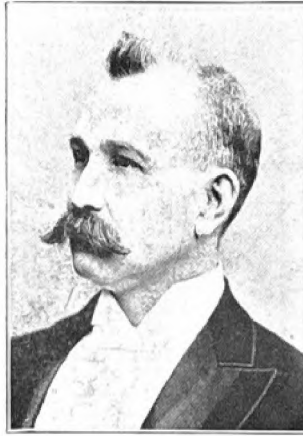


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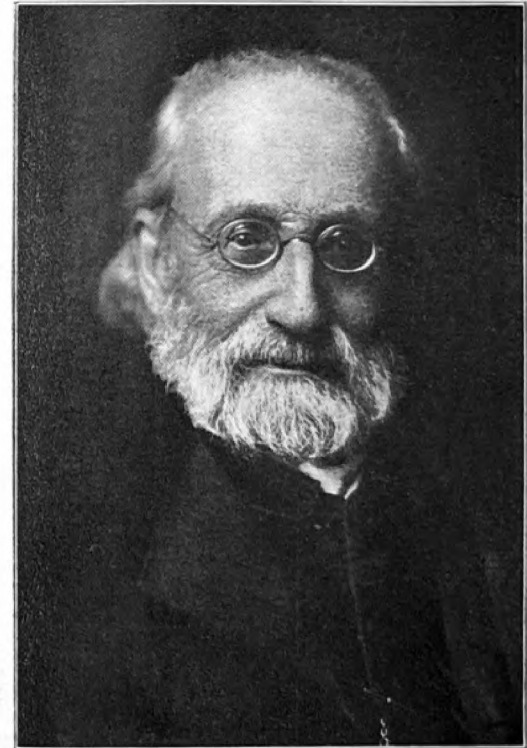
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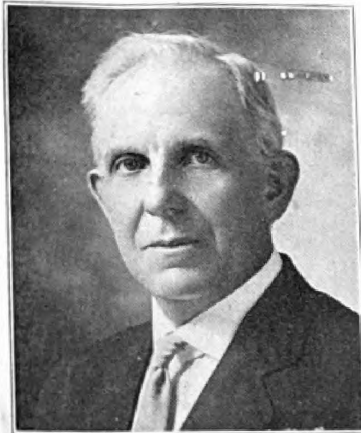


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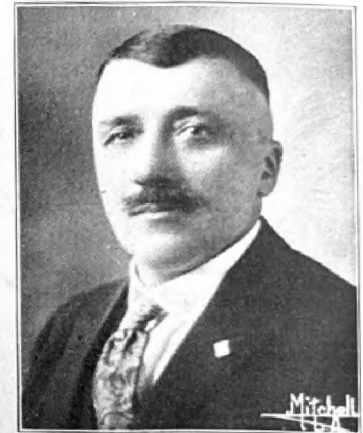
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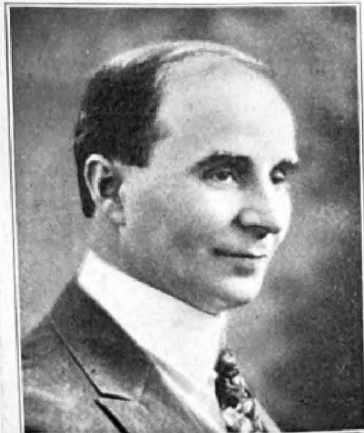
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Duplicate charter issued May 26, 1906.

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For over fifty years she has been a life member of the American Peace Society.

In 1861 she married Jonathan Watson, prominent in the development of the Pennsylvania oil fields. They established a beautiful home in Rochester, N. Y., which soon became a center of intellectual, spiritual and reform activities. This young woman cared for five step-children and four of her own; diphtheria came and two of the little ones were gathered in by the good angel of Immortality. Her eldest, Will L. Watson, the stay and comfort of his mother, at twenty-five suddenly sickened and "was not, for God took him." In such crucibles are the leaders tried. The gifted daughter, Lucretia, graduate of the University of California, her mother's "one perfect joy," married B. Grant Taylor of Collins, N. Y., now Clerk of the Supreme Court of California.

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Almost immediately after coming to California, Mrs. Watson was engaged for regular Sunday services in San Francisco, out of which grew the Religio-Philosophical Society with Mrs. Watson as its pastor, at the Metropolitan Temple. The Temple had a seating capacity of 1,500, and was often filled to the doors with an audience composed of people of all denominations. In 1882 she filled a four months' engagement in Australia which was a pronounced success.

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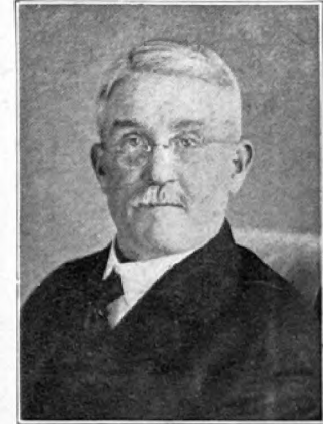
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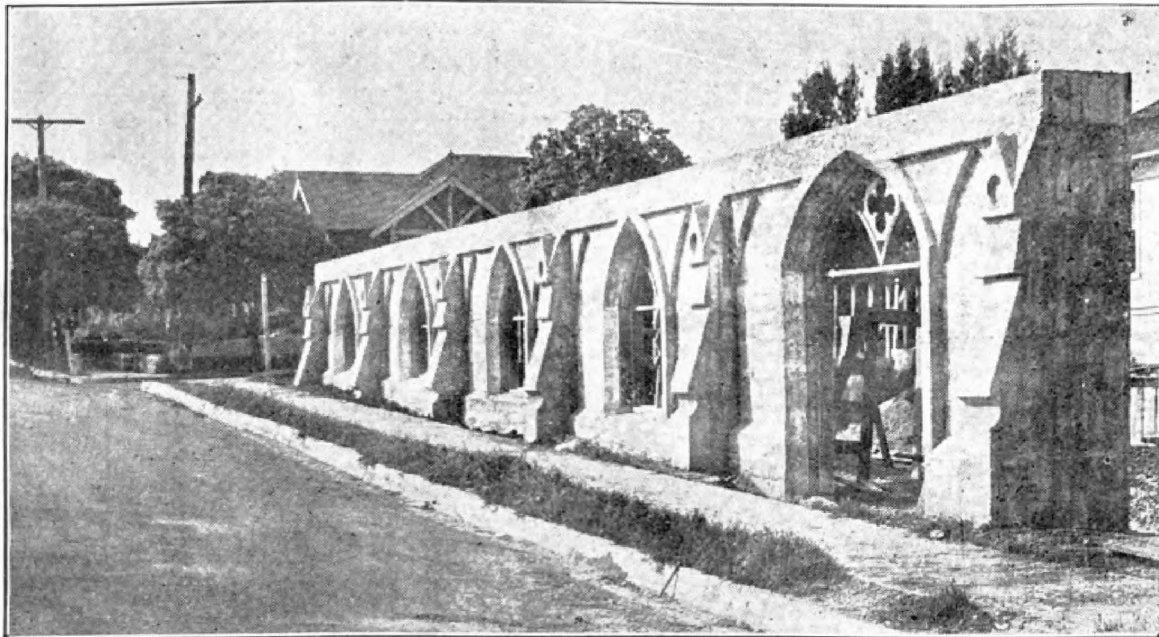


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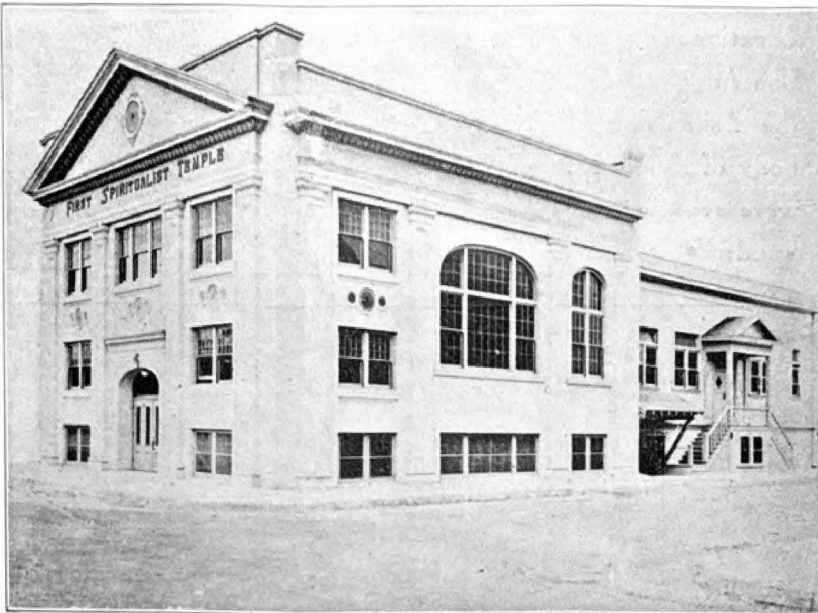
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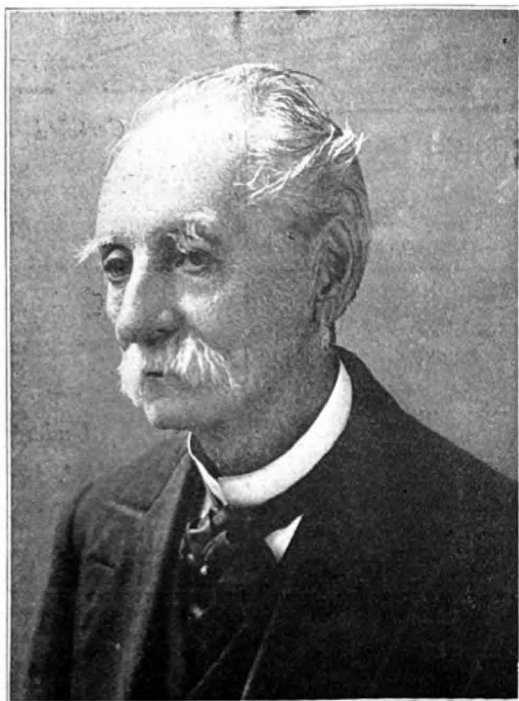
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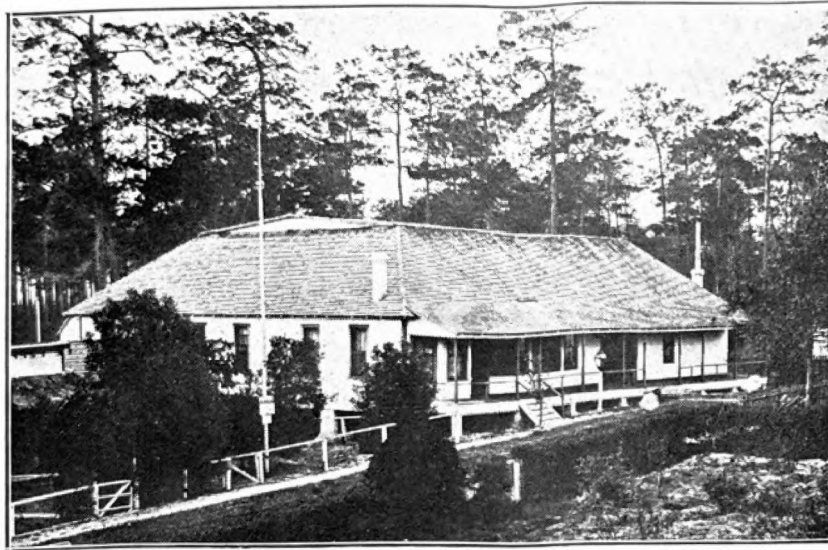
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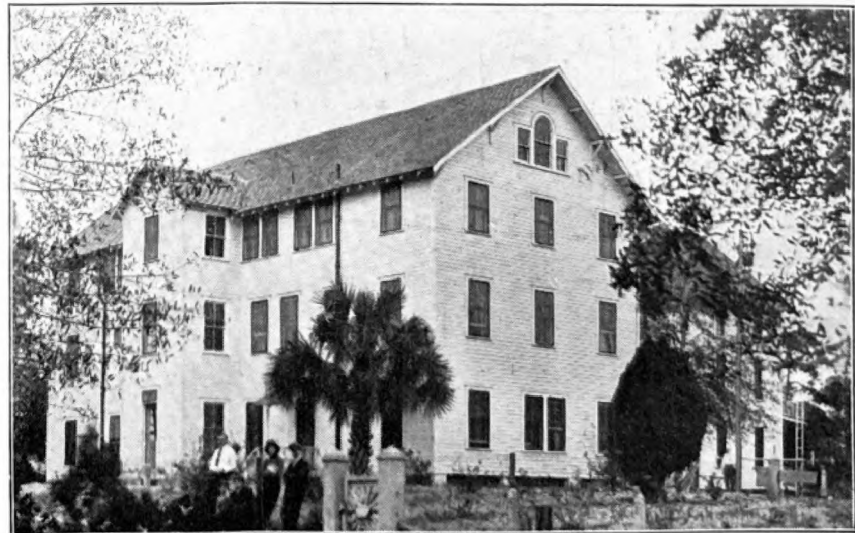
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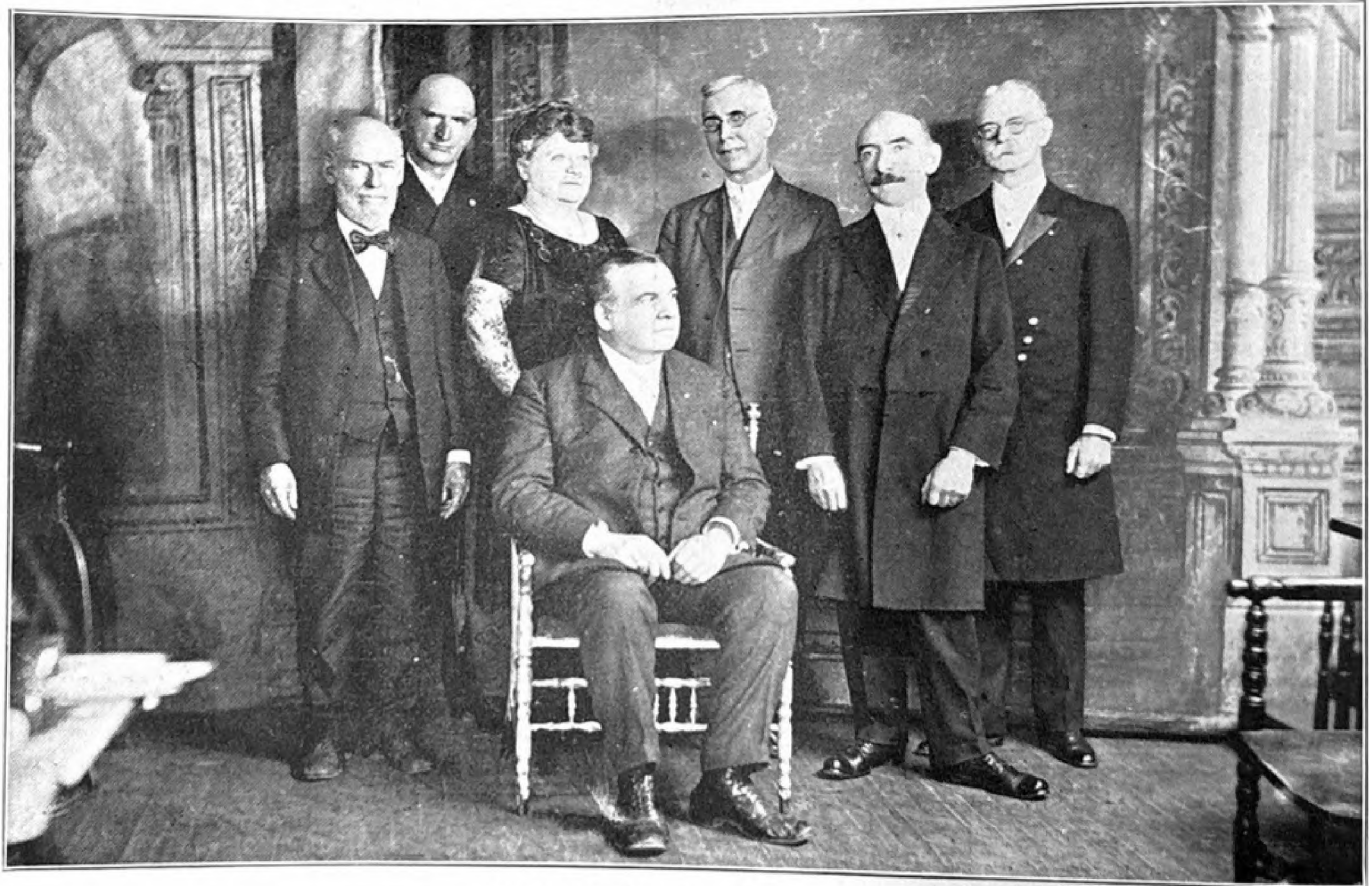
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The Illinois State Spiritualists' Association

The Illinois State Spiritualists Association was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois on July 16, 1896, although it had been in existence as a voluntary organization for some years prior thereto under the presidency of G. L. S. Jenifer. The original incorporators of the association were: G. L. S. Jenifer, D. G. Hill, D. S. White, George F. Perkins, George V. Cordingly, George B. Warne and David Gilmour, Mr. Cordingly and Dr. Warne being the only ones of the seven now surviving. The main object for which the association was formed was stated to be: "To promote general intelligence, good morals, and the diffusion of the principles of Spiritualism as a religion." The association was empowered by its charter to establish Spiritualist societies, ordain ministers, conduct meetings, hold property, and do all things necessary in order to carry out the objects of its organization. The affairs of the association ran smoothly for a time and much good work was accomplished by it throughout the State and particularly in the City of Chicago, when in 1899, differences having arisen in its ranks, litigation was resorted to for the settlement of the question of ownership of the charter and great seal and the right to office in the association, which was finally decided by decree of the Superior Court of Cook County in 1901.

The Illinois association became a member of the National Spiritualist Association in the year 1897 and is still affiliated with that great organization.

Perhaps the greatest achievement in the history of the I. S. S. A. is that of having established in the State of Illinois the right of mediums to practice mediumship within the State as freely as a priest or minister of the Christian gospel may exercise the functions of their spiritual office. This has been accomplished in large measure by the assistance and co-operation of the Chicago Spiritualist League, which was created by the I. S. S. A. for the express purpose of defense of mediums. It has been through the joint efforts of the State and the League that there has been written into the statute law of the State of Illinois a recognition of Spiritualism as a religion, and into the adjudicated law of the State a distinct recognition of the legitimacy of the practice of mediumship and communication, or attempted communication, with the so-called dead. Of course, the laws against obtaining money or property by false and fraudulent pretenses have not been done away with, and mediums, or pretended mediums who violate those laws are amenable and subject to punishment, the same as anyone else, including ministers and priests.

G. L. S. Jenifer was the first president of the I. S. S. A., then followed Dr. George B. Warne, the late Timothy Wilkins, Geo. F. Seely and Charles A. Burgess, who now holds the office.

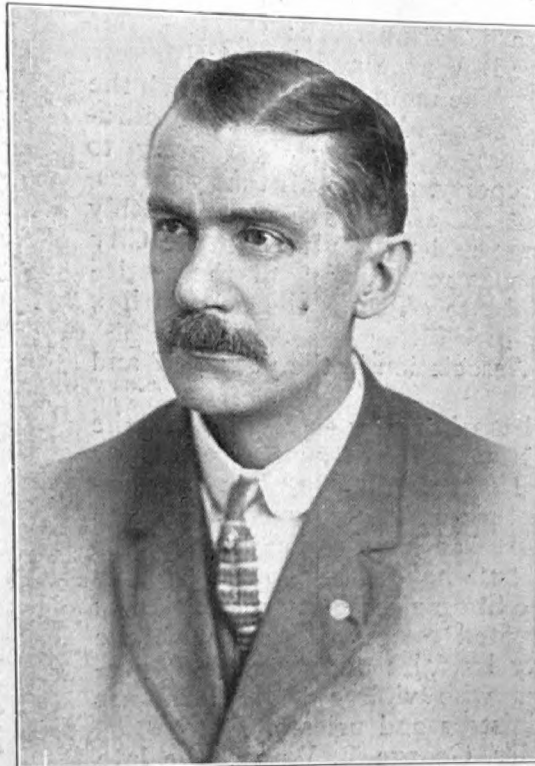
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The first president of the League was Dr. Geo. B. Warne, now President of the National Spiritualist Association.

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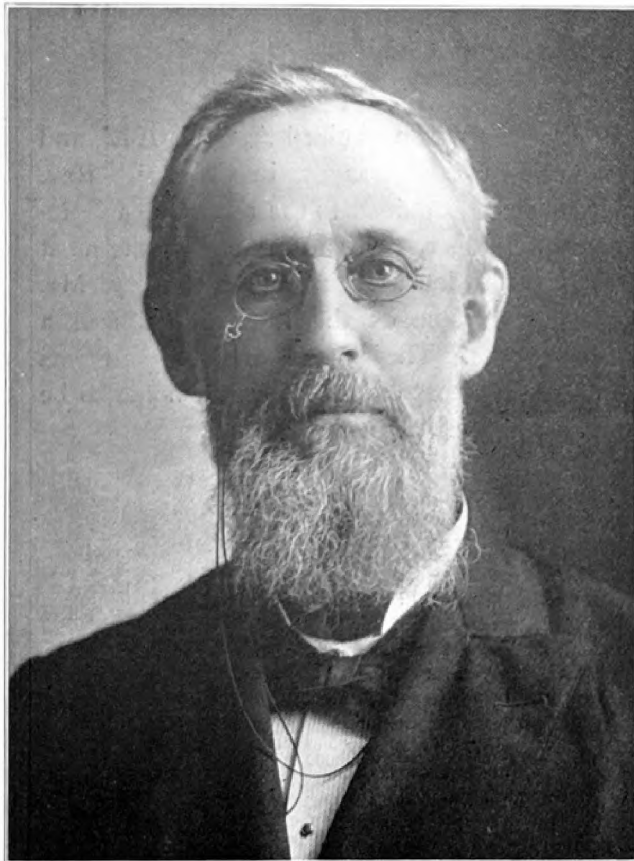
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In 1887 he was married to Louisa Carrie Marriott of Wheaton, Illinois. She worked by his side and continued the paper for several months after his transition. She is now living in Los Angeles, California.

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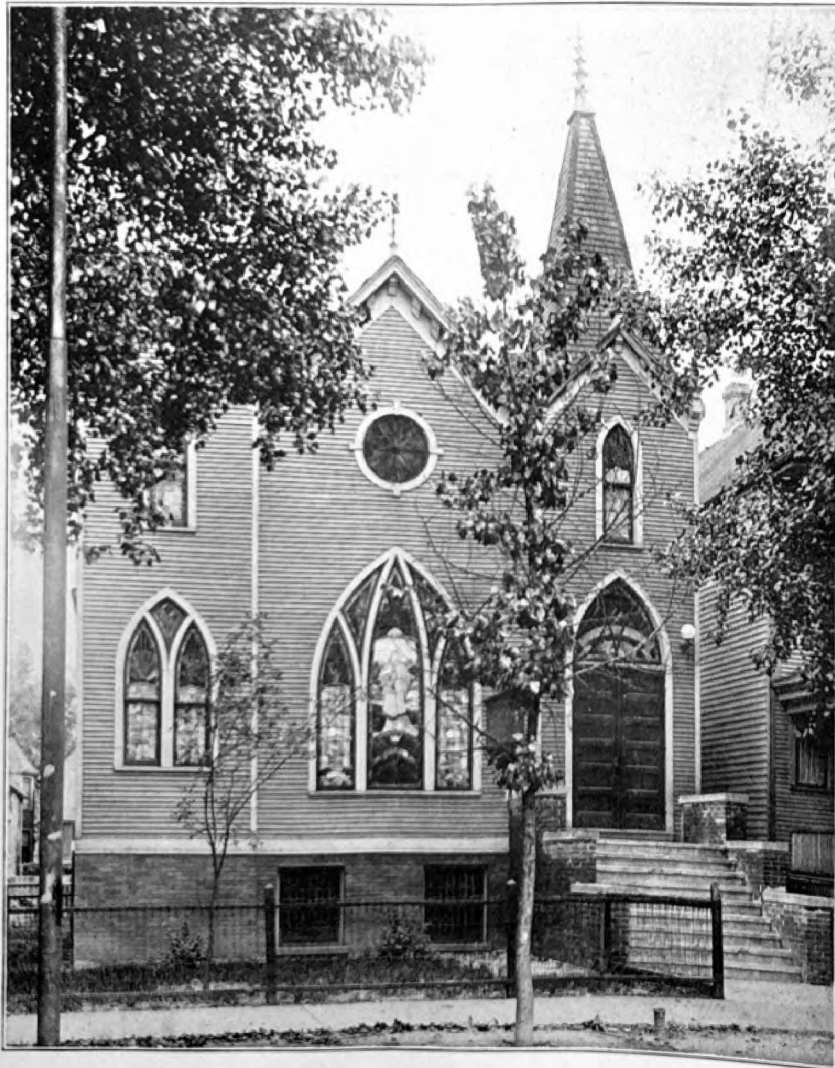




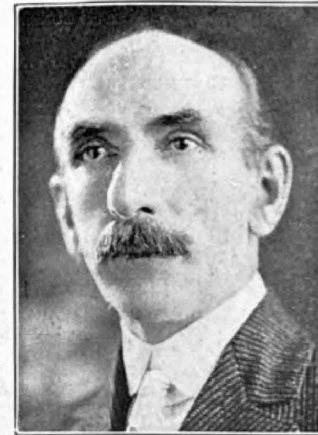
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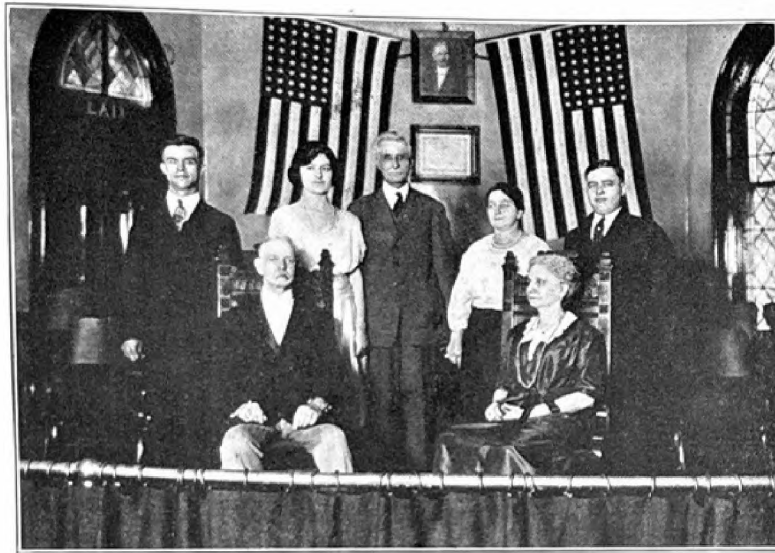


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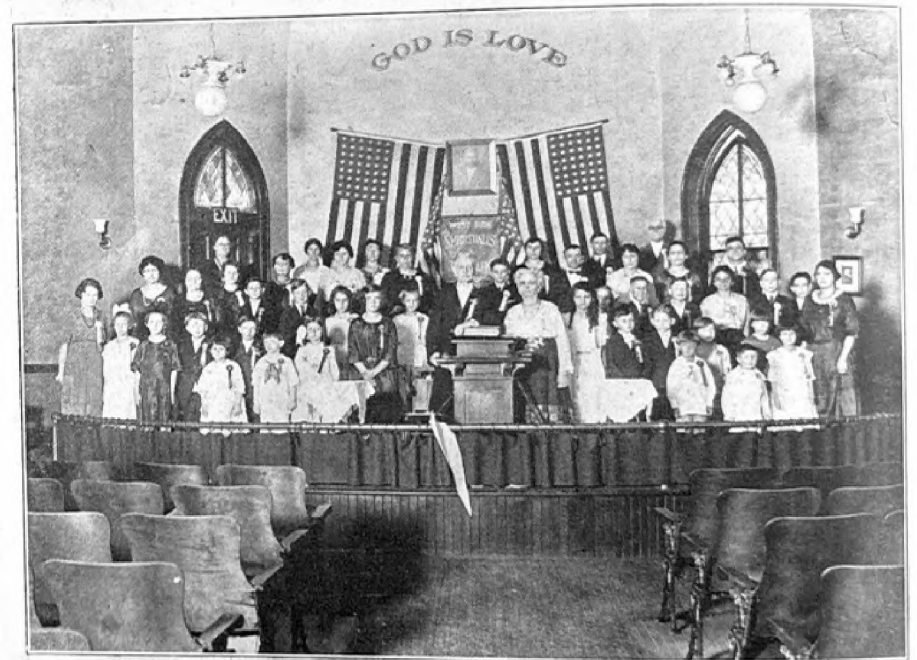
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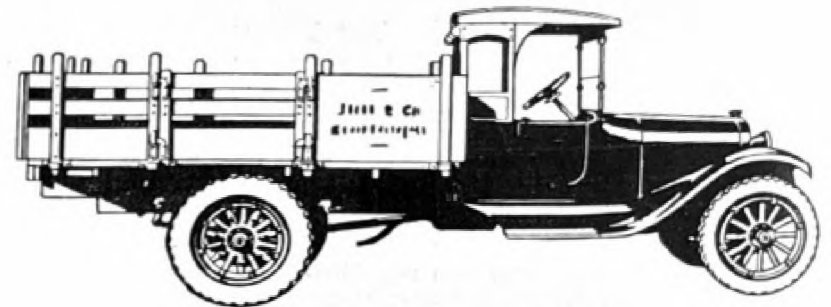
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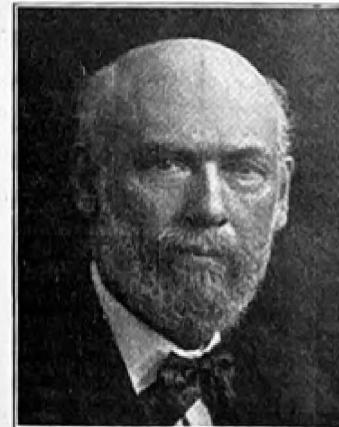
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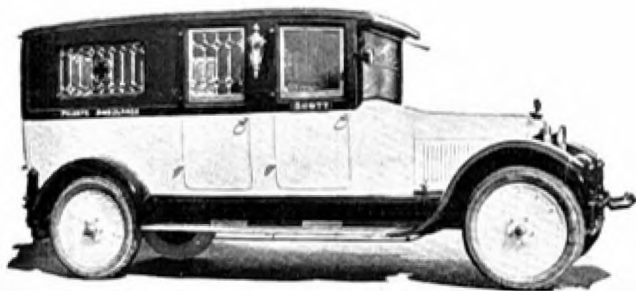
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History of The Lake Brady Spiritualist Camp Association

The Lake Brady Spiritualist Camp Association was first organized in 1891 and for eight years held meetings on what is now known as the summer resort side at Lake Brady. After an assignment was made and all their rights in this property were lost on August 29, 1899, Margaret C. Russell, George C. Day, Samantha Herrick, Mary E. Gaskill, Emma Pierce, George N. Abbott, Dell A. Herrick, Sadie Herrick, Elizabeth Mee, Lina Diebolt and Arthur Casket met and did organize and incorporate under the state laws of Ohio, the present association, which on October 16, 1901, leased from D. R. and Eliza Brown eleven acres of ground immediately north of the old camp for ten years with the right to purchase the same within this time. On October 16, 1902, they purchased this land on which camp meetings have been held each year. A nice large auditorium hotel, seance room, shedded picnic tables, auto shed and many beautiful homes and cottages have been built, and entirely free from debt, and this year many more improvements are being made. Of the original incorporators as far as we know but two remain on this side of life (Mr. and Mrs. Herrick of California). Its present officers are S. Grant Abbott, president; Charles A. Towner, vice-president; Ford C. Myers, secretary; Carl W. Cole, treasurer; Emma R. Abbott, Mary E. Fisher, H. S. Barnes, William McVay and Orrin M. Vaughn.



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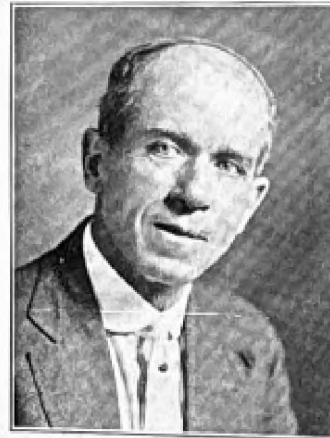


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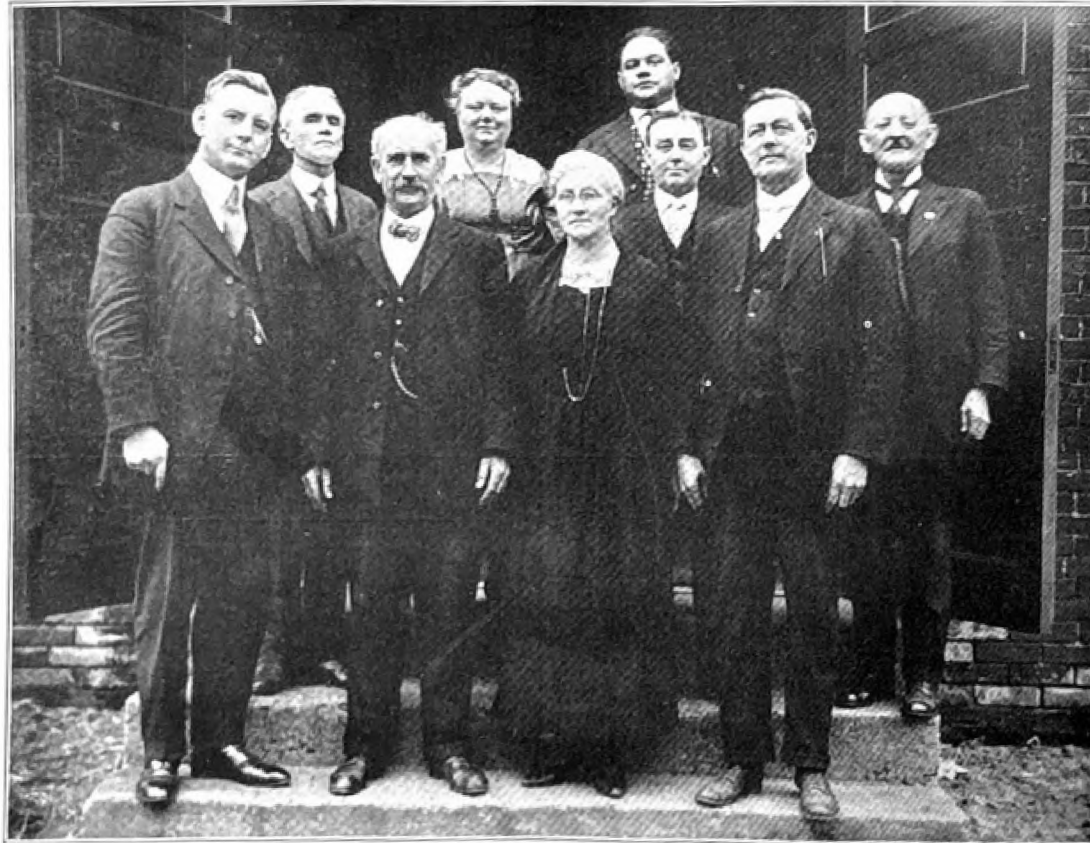
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The officers of our Lyceum are working hard to have our Lyceum one of the best that is affiliated with the N. S. A.

Words are weak to express our gratitude to Rev. Ruth Van De Beuken for her unselfish devotion and untiring efforts for our Lyceum as she was the organizer and is the manager of it.

We have an average attendance of 35 at our regular sessions every Sunday at 2 P. M.

I herein, in behalf of the Union Spiritualist Lyceum, thank each and every one that helped to make our Demonstration of June 4, 1922, such a grand success. Rev. Ruth Van De Beuken makes a success out of anything she is in charge of.

Those in the picture are, top row, left to right: Clay Bolander, Banner Bearer. Walter Forman, Watchman. Ernest Benninghofen, President of the I. S. A. of S. Mark Kenneth Forman, Guardian. Gladys Gates Forman, Conductor. Next row, left to right: Mrs. Maude Rabold, Treasurer. Mrs. Audra Hodson, official pianist for the Convention of the I. S. A. of S. Miss Dora Frain, Lyceum pianist. Mrs. Ruth Gates, Secretary. Mrs. Mary Pickard, Librarian. Harold Thompson. First eight at left end of the picture is the Children's Orchestra from the Science Church of Spiritualists, of Richmond, Ind. Next row, left to right: Florence Jenkins, Mrs. Minnie C. Warne, Dr. George B. Warne, President of the N. S. A., Rev. Anna L. Gillispie, National Superintendent of the Bureau of Lyceums, Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, Editor of The Progressive Thinker. Next row, left to right: Mrs. Mary Longley, Washington, D. C., Raymond Cole, Odessa, Mae O. Daniels, Rhoda Cole. Next row, left to right: Harry Mitchell, William Rider, Esther Portis, Rev. Ruth Van De Beuken, Joseph Mitchell, Frederick Bolander, George Allison, Laura Allison, Kyle B. Layton, Leland Curzy. Those sitting, left to right: Clara Mae Portis, Catherine Lawrence, Barbara Rosamond Odidio, and two little girls from Richmond, Ind. Those from Richmond, Ind., having a part on the program are: Miss Fern Harris, Miss Margaret Wilson, Mr. Melvin Harris, Mr. Virgil Conolly, Mr. Glen Tagg, Mrs. Jessie Wilson, Miss Maria Wilson, Miss Frances Culbertson, Miss Irene Hayden, Miss Florence Harris, Mr. Charles Rabold and Mr. George Layman are in the window. All of the children did splendid work.

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Pastor of the First Spiritualist Church of Indianapolis, Ind.; Trustee of the Indiana State Association of Spiritualists, Trance Speaker and Test Medium, was born in Indiana, February 1, 1876; in 1900 became interested in spiritualism, since which time she has devoted her life to it. Ordained as a Minister of Spiritualism April 11, 1918, at a convention of The Illinois State Spiritualist Association, held in Chicago, Ill.

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The annual conventions prior to 1914 were held in June, but in the revised By-Laws it is provided that the annual conventions met on the first Friday in September, holding for three days, and there is also a provision that the conventions shall not be located at any one place for two years in succession. During recent years, meeting places have been about equally divided between Pittsburg, Topeka, Wichita, and Kansas City, Kansas, all being prominent railroad centers and amply provided with commodious auditoriums. All presidents are by the constitution made life members.

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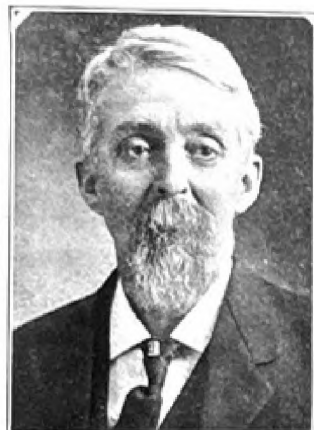
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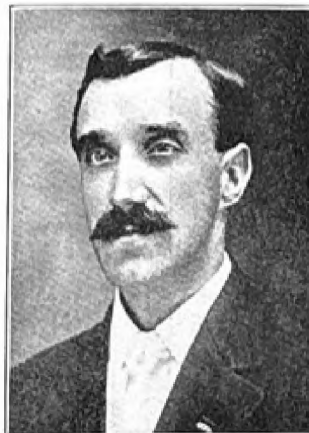
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MASSACHUSETTS STATE ASSOCIATION OF SPIRITUALISTS.

The first meeting of the subscribers to an agreement to associate with intent to constitute a corporation to be known as the Massachusetts State Association of Spiritualists dated June 17, 1893, for the purpose of organizing said corporation by adoption of by-laws and election of officers, was held on Thursday the 25th day of January, 1894, at 10 A. M., in Library Room, Gould Hall, 3 Boylston Place, Boston, Mass. The call for this meeting was signed by Francis B. Woodbury, and the original agreement was signed by the following:

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The Charter from the Commonwealth was signed the 19th day of February, 1894, and a Charter was secured from the National Association of Spiritualists at the same time. In the Commonwealth Charter the statement of purpose is to co-operate with the National Association of Spiritualists, etc., and to secure unity of effort throughout the state, etc. The Massachusetts State Association has been represented at each N. S. A. Annual Convention since its inception, in this way showing its loyalty to the parent body.

For nearly twenty years the membership of the Massachusetts State Association consisted of individuals only; in the meantime, societies, well organized, were becoming locally strong throughout the State, and to Mr. H. C. Berry, Managing Editor of the Banner of Life, the credit is conceded of first suggesting to the State Board that these societies be affiliated with the State Association. Effie I. Webster was appointed by the Board to secure this end and her efforts were highly efficient. At the last Annual Meeting there were 126 Delegates, of these but ten were Individual Members, the rest representing Auxiliary Societies, and new Individual Members can join only from localities where there are no Auxiliaries.

The State Association has practically become a delegate body upon the basis of one for each ten of the Auxiliary membership in good standing, said delegates elected by their respective Auxiliaries.

To name the prominent workers and mediums of Massachusetts would be to name the best that have figured in the National field, both in lectures and in message work, and the same high standard holds good today.

The presidents of the Massachusetts State Association in their order have been George A. Fuller, James B. Hatch, Rev. Frederick A. Wiggin, and the present incumbent, William G. Tirrell. The first State secretary was Francis B. Woodbury, who also served as secretary of the National Association; he was followed by Mrs. Carrie Hatch, Rev. Emma B. Smith, Annie R. Chapman and Emma B. Kaine, who is serving in that capacity at the present time.

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The Massachusetts State Association of Spiritualists having been founded upon a "solid ground" has remained firm in its allegiance to organized effort, loyal in its co-operation with the National Association in establishing the Truth of Spiritualism in that dignified manner that shall carry us ever toward the highest and best which spells "Success" in golden letters.

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Miss Susie C. Clark

Author, Lecturer and Healer

Miss Clark is a true daughter of New England. She has been a faithful and energetic propagandist of Spiritual truth. She once worked in conjunction with Mr. W. J. Colville, both in California and in Boston; has published, in pamphlet form, reports of his lectures, and has lectured herself all over the country. She has officiated in editorial capacity on the "Banner of Life" and other papers. She has written several books. She has been a successful healer for many years, and always a staunch Spiritualist.



OFFICERS OF THE M. S. S. A.

First Row: Left to right—Mrs. Beatrice H. White, Secretary, Detroit. O. Perry Allen, President, Detroit. Rev. Isadore Davenport, Vice-President, Battle Creek.

Second Row: Rev. Emma Gibbs-Carpenter, Second Trustee, Grand Rapids. Edward N. Lunt, Treasurer, Flint. John A. C. Menton, Third Trustee, Flint. Alvin L. MacNeil, First Trustee, Detroit.

History of the Michigan State Spiritualists' Assn.

The Michigan State Spiritualists' Association was founded August 26th, 1893. Incidents leading thereto were that a call had been issued through the Spiritualist Press during that summer for the formation of an organized religious body or National Organization to be composed of State Auxiliary Bodies.

Through lack of organization the civil rights of Spiritualists had been denied. For the same reason the voice of Spiritualism (the greatest present Truth and advocate of religious and philosophical unfoldment) could not be heard in the great World Parliament of Religions, then convened in Chicago.

This imperative call was responded to at Haslett Park Camp in August during the last days of camp meeting. Charter members desiring to effect a State Organization assembled. G. F. Ottman, L.L.B., presided and Dr. Julia M. Walton was appointed Secretary pro tem. Hastily and crudely, owing to lack of time, Articles of Association were drawn up and signed by charter members present, and the Application for a Charter rushed to Mason to be recorded. Hon. L. V. Moulton of Grand Rapids was elected President, and Melvir A. Root of Bay City, Secretary of the M. S. S. A. Among others besides those already named who were active and enthusiastic in the matter were Sarah A. Haslett, Abbie E. Sheets, John Hutchinson, C. E. Dent and others.

The Articles of Association were perfected by L. V. Moulton in Lansing, February, 1894, where the first public meeting of the Association was held, and a number of Ordinations were granted. Some of the recipients of Ordination Certificates at that time, and since have passed to the Great Beyond, others are still serving the Cause efficiently and loyally in State and National Spiritualistic work.

The M. S. S. A. since that eventful time has held twenty-nine Annual Conventions, and Mass Meetings numbering hundreds. Despite some mistakes and many obstacles it has more vitality today morally, intellectually, numerically and financially than ever before. At the present time there are twenty-nine active M. S. S. A. Auxiliaries in the state.

Bequests have been granted, some of them retained, some lost, though vigorously defended, through the prejudice of Courts of Justice. The Mediums' Home at Lansing is one of the Association's valuable possessions. This is a twelve roomed house surrounded by large and beautiful grounds. The purpose of this home is to provide a place where the M. S. S. A. can care for its old and indigent mediums.

The presidents of the M. S. S. A. have been: L. V. Moulton Grand Rapids; Abbie E. Sheets, Grand Ledge; John Hutchinson, Jackson; D. P. Dewey, Grand Blanc; Martha Root, Bay City Dr. B. O'Dell, Paw Paw; Elmer Carpenter, Detroit; James Walker, Grand Rapids; Dr. Julia M. Walton, Jackson; Sam T. Penna, Detroit; Col. Emory S. West, U. S. Army, Ret.; Clyde E. Garnsey, Detroit, and O. Perry Allen, Detroit.

A self-sacrificing and noble spirit has, for the most part, marked the conduct of those elected to its Official Boards. This spirit has never been more clearly in evidence than in the work of the head of the present Board and all its members, the majority of whom have been elected unanimously for the fourth time.

Julia M. Walton,
Jackson, Michigan.

Rev. Marian L.
Carpenter

Rev. Marian L. Carpenter, whose home is in Detroit, Michigan, has been on the public platform working in the Cause of Spiritualism for over thirty years. Having been a psychic from childhood, Spiritualism was easy for her to embrace. She was reared by a Quaker mother, and lived in an atmosphere with those who dreamed dreams and saw visions. The philosophy and phenomena of Spiritualism was most attractive to her. She has ever been termed the versatile medium. Possessing a voice of rare quality that only angels have cultivated, thousands of hearts have been touched by her message in song. For years she has stood as a message bearer between the two worlds and brought to the hungry multitudes the proof of immortality. Her lectures are replete with the religion and science, as well as the philosophy and phenomena of Spiritualism.

She was ordained by Hon. L. V. Moulton, in eighteen ninety-five, he at that time being President of the Michigan State Spiritualist Association. Her work now consists of lectures, funerals, weddings and christenings.



Elmer E. Carpenter

In Memoriam

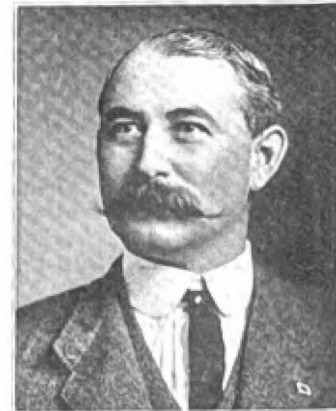
In the passing of Elmer E. Carpenter to the Spirit Life on May second, nineteen twenty-one, at Los Angeles, California, his many friends throughout the country were greatly shocked.

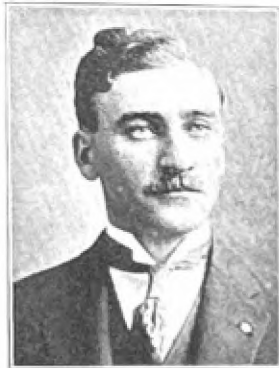
He was a life-long Spiritualist and was an active member on the Board of the Michigan State Spiritualist Association for about twenty-five years, serving as its President at least fifteen years. At the time of his presidency, J. R. Francis of the Progressive Thinker gave Michigan the credit of being the banner State in Spiritualism. Mr. Carpenter was also president of the First Spiritualist Temple Church at Detroit, Michigan, at which time it became the largest Spiritualist society in this country.

He was fearless in presenting to the world his honest and earnest convictions, and was a loyal friend to whatever he believed to be the truth. He always stood for efficiency, morality and uprightness in the ordination of our ministers, and made a firm stand for the protection of our workers, and the Cause.

He was a very fine psychic and for many years worked side by side with Mrs. Carpenter on the public rostrum. One of his marvelous messages was given while working in Philadelphia at an evening meeting. "He saw a boat floating down the Susquehanna River, with eight people in it and he described how it was caught in the current and passed over the falls, drowning the eight people, whose full names he gave." The message was not recognized then, but the accident did occur the week after he had left Philadelphia. Many of the older members of the Locke society of Philadelphia can verify this.

Mr. Carpenter has entered the World of Spirit with which he was so familiar because of his clear vision and contact with it, there to do a greater work than he has ever done. Our loves over which death has no control will ever abide. "He is not dead, he is just away."





E. A. Clocksin,
Trustee,
State Spiritualists' Assn.
of Minnesota.
September, 1921.



Geo. H. Holtham,
Trustee,
State Spiritualists' Assn.
of Minnesota.
Elected September, 1921.



J. P. Whitwell, President, State
Spiritualists' Association of Min-
nesota since 1911.



George D. Field,
Elected 1st Vice-Pres.
State Spiritualists' Assn.
of Minnesota.
Sept., 1911, Sept., 1912,
and has served continu-
ously as 1st vice-presi-
dent since Sept., 1916.



Harry Hampton
Trustee,
State Spiritualists' Assn.
of Minnesota.
September, 1919,
and served continuously
ever since.



T. J. Brown,
Trustee,
State Spiritualists' Assn.
of Minnesota.
Elected September, 1921.



George Johnson,
Elected 2nd Vice-Pres.
State Spiritualists' Assn.
of Minnesota.
September, 1921.



W. G. Koken,
Elected Secretary
State Spiritualists' Assn.
of Minnesota.
September, 1914,
and served as such con-
tinuously since that time.



C. L. Pettee,
Elected Treasurer
State Spiritualists' Assn.
of Minnesota.
September, 1916,
and served continuously
since that time.

OFFICIAL BOARD, MINNESOTA STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION

STATE SPIRITUALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA

The State Spiritualists' Association of Minnesota was organized in the city of Minneapolis, January 15th, 1878, and incorporated March 9th, 1878, John S. Maxwell being first President of the Association; C. D. Pruden, Vice-President; N. C. Westerfield, Secretary, and H. E. Lepper, Frank Shaft and John McDonald being among the first officers of the Association.

Among the first acts of the Board of Trustees was that of granting Medium certificate or Associate Minister papers to Mrs. Mary Jacobs of Minneapolis at the Board meeting held on June 15th, 1878.

The first annual convention of the State Association was held September 6th and 7th, 1878, at Grand Army Hall, 118 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, and at that time the officers who were elected at the time the Association was organized, were re-elected, being: John S. Maxwell, President; C. D. Pruden, Vice-President; N. C. Westerfield, Secretary; H. E. Lepper, Treasurer. The trustees elected were O. J. Johnson, Frank Shaft, C. M. E. Ridge, H. A. Mass, J. S. Fritzen

John S. Maxwell served as President of the State Association until the fourteenth annual convention, September, 1911, when Jos. P. Whitwell was elected to that office.

The present Vice-President, Mr. Geo. D. Field, has been elected nine times to that office. Mr. Frank E. Irvine served as secretary from the convention of 1905 until the time of his passing out, during the mid-winter mass meeting of the State Association, February, 1912, when Mr. W. G. Koken took the office and has been re-elected at each succeeding convention.

Mr. C. L. Pettee, our present treasurer, was elected at the annual convention, September, 1916, after having served three previous terms as trustee, and has been re-elected treasurer at each succeeding convention since that time.

The principle activities of the State Spiritualists' Association of Minnesota have been the holding of conventions annually in the month of September in the city of Minneapolis, and an annual mid-winter mass meeting in St. Paul about the end of February.

Missionary work has also been done; among those who have taken part in this work have been Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Kates, Will J. Erwood, Geo. H. Brooks, who have come to us from outside the State; and from among our own workers much good missionary work has been done by Mrs. J. P. Whitwell, Mrs. E. A. Sauer, Mrs. M. Griffin, Mr. Henry Hegdahl, Mrs. H. P. Courtney.

Many societies have been organized and chartered by these active workers in different sections of the State, but only few have remained active in the smaller towns owing to inability to furnish them with regular pastors or workers.

Among the most active societies functioning in Minnesota at the present time are the First, Second, Central, and North Side Spiritualist Churches of Minneapolis, The First Spiritualist Church of St. Paul, The Victoria Spiritualist Church of Duluth, the First Spiritualist Church of Winona, and the Minnetonka Spiritualists' Association of Bederwood.

The thirteenth annual convention of the National Spiritualist Association was held in Minneapolis at the First Unitarian Church, at which convention Harrison D. Barrett, President; Mary T. Longley, Secretary, and Theodore J. Mayer, Treasurer, were re-elected to the offices which they had previously held.

The twenty-fourth annual convention of the National Spiritualist Association was held in St. Paul at the Peoples Church, and there Dr. Geo. B. Warne, President, Geo. W. Kates, Secretary; Cassius L. Stevens, Treasurer, were re-elected to the offices which they had held since being elected at the convention held in Washington in 1907.



Mrs. J. P. Whitwell

*Pastor of
First Spiritualist Church
of St. Paul, Minn.*

Since September, 1903



Mrs. M. Talcott

*Pastor of Third
Spiritualist Church
of Minneapolis, Minn.*

Mrs. E. A. Sauer

*Assistant Pastor of
First Spiritualist Church
of St. Paul*

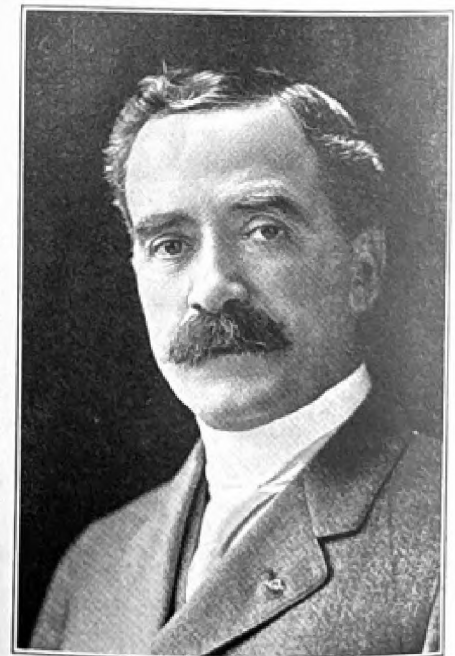
Charter Member of First
Spiritualist Church of
St. Paul

Organized April 7, 1889



J. P. Whitwell

President, State
Spiritualist Associa-
tion of Minnesota,
since September,
1911; President,
First Spiritualist
Church of St. Paul,
Minn., since Septem-
ber, 1898.



The oldest Spiritualist Church in Minnesota is the First Spiritualist Church of St. Paul, which was organized under the name of "THE ST. PAUL SPIRITUAL ALLIANCE" April 7th, 1889, and incorporated August 5th of the same year. Later it was chartered under the N. S. A. and afterwards under the State Spiritualists' Association. The name of the Church being changed in November, 1916, to the "FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, MINN." We believe the First Spiritualist Church of St. Paul to be the second oldest Spiritualist organization in the United States.

Among the older pioneer workers in our ranks who still are actively working in the interests of Spiritualism may be mentioned Mrs. E. A. Sauer, Mrs. J. P. Whitwell, Mrs. Mary Talcott, Mrs. M. Fritzen, Mrs. Mary Griffin and Mrs. Mary Jacobs; and then of a later date we have

Mrs. Laura Johnson, Mrs. C. Willar, Mrs. G. Holtman, Mrs. C. L. Pettee, Mrs. C. Nelson, Mrs. A. Ryberg, Mrs. Freda Gaulka. Many new and worthy workers now working under the State Association could well be mentioned, but those already mentioned have proven by many years of loyalty, loving kindness, and faithful service, their right to be remembered in the records of our National as well as State Association.

Mrs. G. H. Gearey of St. Paul has been the Leader of the Sun Flower Lyceum of St. Paul for many years, and for several years past has been State Superintendent of Lyceums. She has been and is a most earnest and capable leader, giving her time and efforts freely for the benefit of the lyceum and has done everything to build the Lyceum movement that conditions have allowed of her doing.

The First Spiritualist Church of Asbury Park, N. J., was chartered under the New Jersey State Association of Spiritualists, Oct. 15, 1921. Through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Bronaugh, formerly of New York City, a church has been established and with great success for the time it has existed. They realized what a field there was for Spiritualism and knew of no better way to teach and demonstrate the Truths of Spirit Return than by becoming organized.

Meetings are held in Marrow's Hall, corner Lake Ave. and Langford St. on Sunday and Friday evenings, at 8 P. M. The Friday evening service is devoted mostly to messages. The medium, Mrs. Carrie Bronaugh, 145 Atkins Ave., Asbury Park, holds the attention of her hearers from beginning to end of the meetings, for her manner of expression in giving the messages is very interesting. Seeking along the lines for the Higher development she is meeting with much success.

Spiritualist Church of Truth, Newark, N. J.

SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF TRUTH, Tents' Hall, 39 Chestnut St., Newark, N. J., organized April 9th, 1919, and received the charter from the New Jersey State Association of Spiritualists on May 25th, 1919.

The officers of the church are: Mrs. J. Watson, Pres.; Mr. C. Quick, V.-Pres.; Mrs. E. Jackson, Fin. Sec'y.; Mr. G. E. Smith, Recording Sec'y and Treasurer.

Since its inception the church has steadily grown and now we are one of the largest in the State from the standpoint of attendance.

Meetings are held every Sunday and Friday evenings at 8 P. M. We have a different medium each time, but they have their regular appointments from time to time, and it meets with the approval of our members and those who attend.

OSCAR HEGG

Harmony, Minnesota

The world needs the teaching of
Spiritualism, the Light of Truth

The New Jersey State Association of Spiritualists was organized at Paterson, Jan. 27, 1912, and incorporated during the same year. It was represented by five societies holding meetings in different parts of the state. Fourteen delegates were present at the first meeting.

The late Richard F. Adams, East Orange, was elected president, which office he held for 6 successive years. After one year's retirement he was re-elected and served for another year, thus making his terms of office 7 years. The first secretary was Alfred Roberts, Paterson, and he held the office 7 successive years. Under the jurisdiction of those officers and their trustees the Association kept steadily growing. Sometimes the work seemed to progress very slowly, but they kept to their posts of duty, and today the Association is established upon a firm basis.

Each year the Annual Convention is held in a different city, in order to create an interest, in the minds of the public, as to the teachings along the Spiritualistic lines. The officers from the National Spiritualist Association have always gladly assisted in the public meetings of the State Association, which has been greatly appreciated. At the Annual Convention held in April there were 17 auxiliaries represented, with 46 delegates in attendance.

For several years the Legislative Committee have worked hard for bills to be passed at Trenton whereby Spiritualism might be recognized as a religion. Through the untiring efforts of Assemblyman Wm. W. Evans, Paterson, on March 31, 1922, two bills were signed by Governor Edwards after having passed both Houses, giving the same protection to Spiritualism as all other religions in the state. Those bills went into effect July 4, 1922. An "adjourned session" of the April Convention of the N. J. S. A. of S. was held July 15, and at that time the State Association was reincorporated under the new Religious Act. Also the adoption of the revised Constitution and By-Laws of the N. J. S. A. of S. to conform to the revised National Constitution and By-Laws and to the new Religious Act.

Spiritualism is growing in the state of New Jersey, and we have much to be proud of; for we now have laws which give the protection to Spiritualism such as we hope to see every state acquire. We feel very fortunate in securing the services of Assemblyman Evans, as the legal counsellor for the State Association.

The reports from the auxiliaries at the last convention showed an increase in attendance, and the financial outlook was very encouraging. The Hamburg Ave. Church and the First Spiritual Church, both of Paterson, own their churches. We are looking forward to the time when each auxiliary will own their edifice. The State Association is adding to their Building Fund all the time, for they expect to have permanent headquarters when a suitable location is secured. So after 10 years of hard work we have much to be thankful for and are looking for a steady progression in the coming years.

In the picture reading from left to right, bottom row:—Dr. R. R. Schleusner, Paterson, is pastor of the Hamburg Ave. Spiritual Church; State Superintendent of Lyceums and Chairman of the Legislative Committee, in which capacity he has worked hard, in conjunction with Assemblyman Evans, to formulate plans for the State Association, so as to be in accordance with the new Religious Act. As State Superintendent of Lyceums much credit is due him for the progression of the work.

Mr. E. C. Lear, Atlantic City, Vice-President of the State Association, President of the Progressive Spiritual Church, Atlantic City, and a member of the Legislative Committee. He served as President of the State Association for one term with good results.

Dr. M. L. Emery, Newark, President of the State Association, is serving her second term of office. She served as Secretary for one term. Being a lecturer and message-bearer, she has been the means of winning many over to the Spiritual way of thinking.

Mr. Ernest Evans, Paterson, Secretary of the State Association and Vice-President of the First Spiritualist Church, Paterson, is not only working for the State Association to be a success but the church too.

Mr. Wm. Benz, Silver Lake, Treasurer of the State Association for the 5th term. He was one of the organizers of the State Association and has held different offices on the Board from time to time. He was the organizer of the Lyceum of the Hamburg Ave. Church, and was the conductor of it for several years, when business conditions compelled him to move from Paterson.

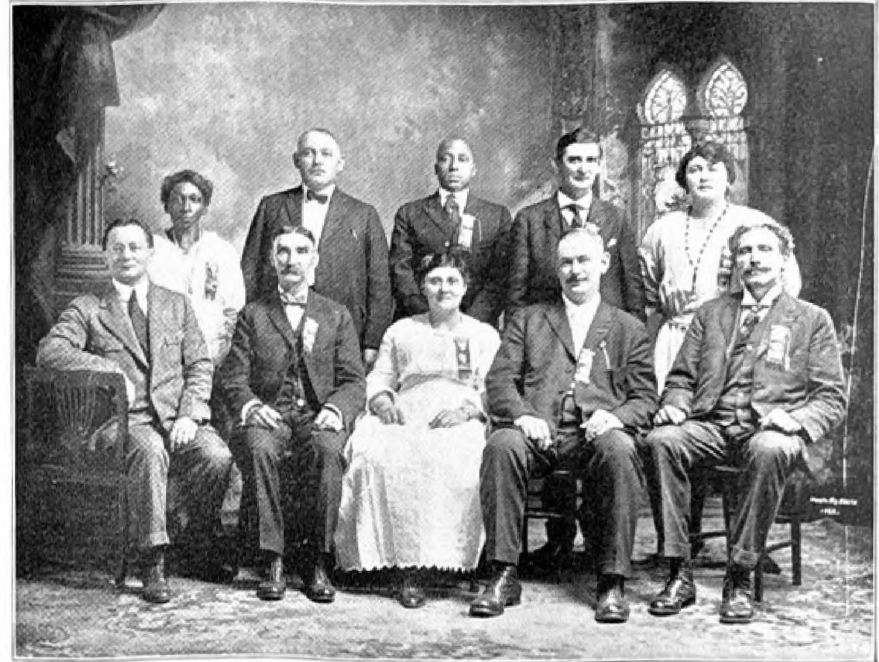
Back row, from left to right:—Mrs. C. W. Dennison, Pleasantville, a Trustee of State Board for several years and one of the organizers of the State Association and a Missionary for several years and doing splendid work. Her aim in this work is to have all Spiritualists organized and through her efforts many auxiliaries have been formed. As a message-bearer her work is very satisfactory, which is shown by the large attendance always.

Mr. John H. Pierson, Irvington, a member of the Legislative Committee and the President of the Light and Truth Spiritual Society, Newark. He became a firm believer in Spiritualism many years ago and has done much for the good of the Cause.

Mr. George E. Smith, Newark, a Trustee on the Board for several years, and Secretary of the Spiritual Church of Truth, also the organist for the church. He is forging ahead as an inspirational speaker very quickly and the success of the church is due to his always being ready to do his share of the work.

Mr. James R. Brack, Camden, a Trustee of the Board and President of the First Spiritualist Church, Camden. Through his efforts he gathered the Spiritualists of his city together and had them see that there was need of a church instead of going to Philadelphia, Pa., several times a week. The charter was presented a year ago and the progress they have made is well worthy of mention at this time. As a member of the Board we know he will work just as hard for its success as he has for the church.

Mrs. Olive Sedille, Newark, a Trustee of the Board and the lecturer and message-bearer of First Church of Christ Spiritualist, Newark (Roseville section). One of the churches to receive its charter during the last year, but is growing very fast. As acting-pastor of the church her work is among the best. Her messages are very accurate and her service is being sought for by the auxiliaries in the state. Her personality is such that she is winning friends wherever she goes.



Official Board New Jersey State Spiritualist Association

The First Spiritualist Church Lyceum, Paterson, N. J.

In order to interest the young people in the good work of Spiritualism and to give them a firm foundation for future work, the Lyceum was reorganized, the first meeting being held on Feb. 12, 1921, in the presence of Dr. R. R. Schleusner, State Supt. of Lyceums.

The number enrolled at that date was 19; since which the number has increased to 35. The Lyceum meets weekly, on Sundays for one hour. During this time hymns and lessons are taken from the English Manual under the capable supervision of Mrs. May Pilkington, formerly from the Bradford St., Bolton Lyceum, England, and her efficient assistants. Besides their mental activities great interest is taken in physical welfare, as shown during the performance of physical exercises. Mrs. Pilkington is ably assisted by the following staff:

Miss Mabel Sharrott, Assistant Conductress.

Mrs. Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Reyhner, Teachers.

Miss Ada Freestone, Secretary.

Mrs. F. Rathborn, Physical Director.

Miss Anna Pilkington, Organist.

A very cordial spirit exists among the Lyceumists which shows itself not only during their Sunday Sessions, but at various social gatherings held in the winter months and picnics to the country in summer. During the short period of their existence the Lyceumists have donated a beautiful oak rostrum to the church and collected money for the various minor purposes connected with the church. All Lyceumists are hopeful of a successful future on the cause of Spiritualism.

ANNA BRAUN BRADY, Secretary.

The First Spiritualist Church, Carroll St., Near Broadway, Paterson, N. J.

This church was duly organized and affiliated with the National Spiritualist Association of Washington, D. C., July 9, 1899, as the First Society of Spiritualists of Paterson, N. J., by the State Organizer, Brother H. C. Dorn of Newark, N. J. Thirty members enrolled with our late Brother Wm. E. Lewis, elected as president. We were the first society in the state of New Jersey to have a Lyceum. The meetings of the Society and Lyceum were held in the Smith building, Market street, which was destroyed with all of our belongings in the great fire, Feb. 9, 1902. The N. S. A. immediately presented us with a copy of the destroyed charter and through the kindness and loving helpfulness and guiding influence of Helen Temple Brigham and the late Margaret Gaule, both of New York, who gave very successful meetings, books were procured, but it was impossible to secure any hall. Meetings for a considerable time were held at the homes of members.

An old-time Spiritualist, Mr. Winters, bequeathed to our Society the sum of \$15,000. The terms of the will, however, were so obtruse and indefinite and with the death of one of the executors and the disappearance of the other, the Society duly received only \$5,000, with which we bought Liberty bonds, as our country was at war we felt it our patriotic duty to do.

When the New Jersey State Association of Spiritualists was organized we were the first auxiliary to enroll. Nov. 1, 1918, the Society moved from the Sons of Veterans' Hall to the Smith building and bought their furnishings, and then the mid-week services were started. We found that by holding more services each week we made better progress and brought Spiritualism to the front. June, 1920, the Society purchased a handsome three-story building at 142 Carroll street, in one of the finest residential sections of the city, and easily accessible. Our Ladies' Aid Society, under the able leadership of Mrs. Sarah A. Ashton as president, with her band of good helpers, are doing a wonderful lot of good work. Now that Spiritualism is recognized as a religion through the laws of the state of New Jersey the name was changed to the First Spiritualist Church. We now have Dr. M. L. Emery as our pastor, one who is beloved by all and of whom we can truly say "lives her religion." We know that under her guidance and care we are bound to grow and make the cause of Spiritualism greater and nobler. The photograph represents our pastor, officers and trustees.

Pastor Dr. M. L. Emery.
Mr. James Brady, President.
Mr. Ernest Evans, Vice-President.
Mrs. Anna B. Brady, Recording Secretary.
Mrs. Anna Morehouse, Financial Secretary.
Miss Emily L. Smith, Treasurer.
Miss Emma Freestone, Librarian.

Mrs. May Pilkington, Miss Amy Wainwright and Mr. Chas. Hudson, Trustees.

The N. J. S. A. of Spiritualists held their tenth annual convention at our church April 21, 22, 23, 1922, which was a wonderful success from start to finish. The first public Spiritualists parade ever held in this country or state was assembled at the First Spiritualist Church and the Lyceumists, delegates, national officers and Spiritualists from all parts of the state and country marched through the principal streets with their flags and banners proclaiming Spiritualism. In all there were 800 people in the parade, representing our great and noble cause.

ANNA BRAUN BRADY,
Recording Secretary.



Pastor and Officers of the
FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, Paterson, New Jersey

Hamburgh Ave. Spiritualist Church

PATERSON, NEW JERSEY

Rev. Richard R. Schleusner, Pastor

In the year 1907 a group of about twenty people, all seekers for more light and truth in regard to eternal life, met occasionally at the home of one of the members on Grove Street, Paterson, N. J. This address they used as headquarters and a steady meeting place.

Mrs. Elsie Stumpf, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a staunch Spiritualist, a gifted lecturer and message-bearer, presided at these meetings. Through increased attendance a larger meeting place was needed. First Hall on Ellison Street was rented for six months, and the first public meeting held on Sunday, June 21st, 1908. Mr. Frank Montsko, of New York City, came to assist Mrs. Stumpf as medium.

At the end of October, 1908, Mrs. Stumpf left for Australia where later she was called to the higher life.

Mr. Fred Lochr, of Elizabeth, N. J., then became the speaker, Mr. Montsko continuing as message-bearer. During this time the First German Spiritualist Church, now known as the Hamburgh Avenue Spiritualist Church, was properly organized and duly chartered by the National Spiritualist Association in November, 1908.

The need for larger quarters was felt and a hall on Main Street rented. As additional speakers and mediums were required, the following were engaged: Dr. Richard R. Schleusner, of New York City; Miss Cora L. Cox, of New York City, and Mr. Wm. Benz, of Silver Lake, N. J.

In December, 1908, the meeting place was changed to the large Masonic Hall on Market Street. In February, 1909, a building fund was started and the present edifice at 76 Hamburgh Avenue bought.

In April, 1911, Dr. Richard R. Schleusner was ordained a Spiritualist Minister. He received and accepted a call to serve the Paterson Church as a permanent pastor and still serves in this capacity. He has since made Paterson his home town.

A very active Ladies' Aid Society and a very successful Children's Progressive Lyceum were organized. The building was remodeled, all mortgages and debts paid off in 1919.

Year after year the church prospered and gained in membership.

"Through the years one increasing purpose runs,

And the thoughts of men are widened with the process of the Suns."

The prestige which this church has gained in the City of Paterson is shown by the fact that its Pastor, Dr. Schleusner, has performed twenty-seven marriage and twenty-five christening ceremonies and conducted forty-one funerals. Approximately two-thirds of these were non-members.

Truly the words of Ex-Judge Francis Scott, the Paterson Mayor's representative and main speaker at one of the church's patriotic meetings, rang true when he said: "This Spiritualist Church is not only through its natural situation, but also through its influential spiritual work."

"THE CHURCH UPON THE ROCK."





**PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM OF HAMBURG AVENUE SPIRITUALIST CHURCH, PATERSON, N. J.
Officers and Teachers**

First row (from left to right): Miss Madeline M. Wesley, Secretary; Mrs. Emma Lachner, Conductor; Rev. Richard R. Schleusner, D. D., Pastor; Miss Hilda L. Schatz, Assistant Conductor; Mrs. Mathilda Buchalla, Treasurer.

Second row (from left to right): Miss Agnes Passelmann, Musical Director; Mrs. Marie Meng, Teacher; Miss Elizabeth A. Spittler, Junior Instructor; Mrs. Elsie Heerema, Teacher; Clemens Dietz, Teacher; Miss Ethel R. Schatz, Teacher.

Third row (from left to right): Alwin G. Berger, Teacher; Mrs. Antoinette Boos, Physical Instructor; Mrs. Clara Lehner, Cradle Roll Superintendent; Miss Hazel R. Lachner, Teacher; Mrs. Emilie Berger, Librarian and Teacher.

On Sunday, January 7, 1912, the first session of the Children's Progressive Lyceum of the Hamburg Avenue Spiritualist Church, Paterson, N. J., was held in the Masonic Hall, 180 Market Street, with an attendance of twenty-three, under the supervision of Mr. William Benz, who also donated all study material needed for Lyceum work. This was the first organized Lyceum in New Jersey.

Brother Benz served diligently as conductor for but one year, owing to his removal to a distant city. Mrs. Emma Lachner was then elected conductor and she has remained as such ever since. A short time after Sister Lachner's installation as conductor there was gained another enthusiastic Lyceum worker in the new pastor of the Church, Rev. Dr. Richard R. Schleusner, who became the Lyceum's spiritual adviser.

Through the good work done by this Lyceum they attracted the attention of the New Jersey State Association of Spiritualists, who invited them to give a demonstration at every convention.

In 1920 this Lyceum was highly honored by having Dr. Richard R. Schleusner appointed the first New Jersey State Superintendent of Lyceums by the New Jersey State Association of Spiritualists, an office he still holds.

During the most recent Spiritualist Convention at Paterson, in 1922, there was held the first Lyceum Parade in this country, in which over eight hundred participated, headed by the famous brass band of Paterson Public School No. 9.

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Treasurer of the New York General Assembly of Spiritualists



Mrs. Rathbun has been active in Spiritualism the past forty-five years. She became a member of the old First Association of Spiritualists of New York City, soon as convinced of the truth of Spiritualism, and the next year was elected to its board of Trustees. Was its Corresponding Secretary for a number of years. Also served as its Treasurer several years.

She served on the Board of Directors of the Church of Divine Inspiration from its organization until about two years ago, when, owing to other duties seemingly more important, she resigned. Previous to her withdrawal she had served as Treasurer of said Church several years and had also served several terms as Vice-President.

In 1902 she was elected Treasurer of the New York State Association, which is succeeded by the General Assembly of Spiritualists of the State of New York, succeeding Mr. Harvey W. Richardson, who had been elected President. Each successive year she has been unanimously re-elected, and has completed her twentieth consecutive year as Treasurer of said organization. She is well known as a Medium for inspirational writing, many evidences of her gift being on record in public print, principally in Spiritualist publications. She is active in visiting the auxiliaries of the G. A. S. in Greater New York, where she is heartily received.

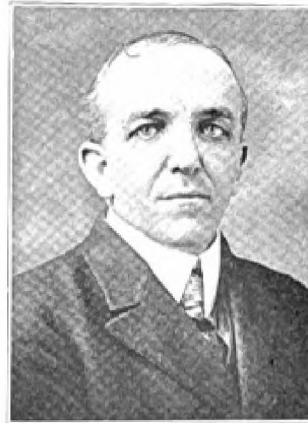
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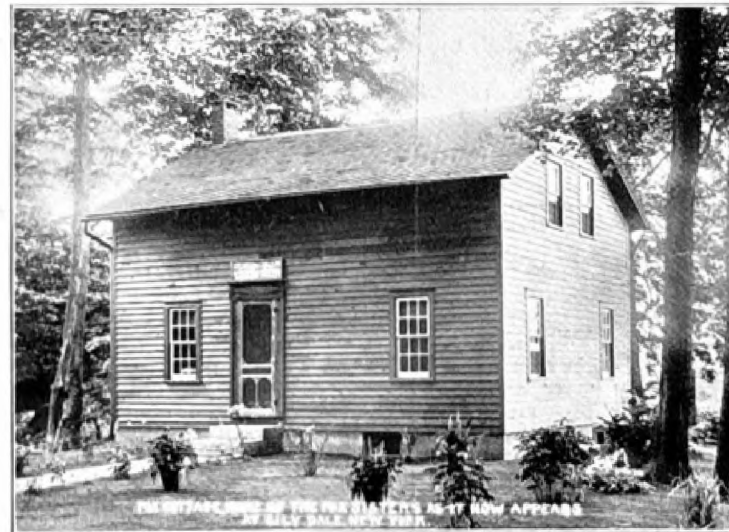


LEAH FOX

The history of Modern Spiritualism and the Fox Sisters will be on sale at the Fox Cottage during the season.



B. F. BARTLETT



THE FOX COTTAGE

The Fox Cottage, the birthplace of Modern Spiritualism, was purchased by Mr. B. F. Bartlett and moved to Lily Dale in 1915 as a matter of preservation and a memorial to Spiritualism and the Fox Sisters.

Miss Floy Cottrel, who will be in charge of the Cottage, receives the same demonstrations as did the Fox Sisters at the time Modern Spiritualism was first made manifest.

For its splendid and well kept condition the thanks of the Assembly are due to Mr. B. F. Bartlett, who is untiring in his efforts to promote the comfort and happiness of those who visit this, one of the Assembly's most instructive and restful meetings places.



Elizabeth Harlow Goetz

Lily Dale Assembly

Lily Dale Assembly, situated in Pomfret Township, Chautauqua County, New York State, was organized in 1879 under the name of Cassadaga Lake Association. The dedication of the grounds occurred the following year, 1880.

The derivation of the name "Cassadaga" is from the dialect of the Seneca Indians, meaning "The Lake Under the Rocks."

The first president was A. S. Cobb. The second president was T. J. Skidmore. He and his wife, Marion Skidmore, were great workers in founding and fashioning the life and character of the camp.

It has grown until it owns sixty-seven acres of land. Has two hotels, the "Maplewood" and the "Leolyn," a cafeteria, and there are 300 cottages. "Forest Temple," an out-

door meeting place, is the most beautiful spot on the grounds. In this park is the original "Fox Cottage" which was bought through the generosity of Mr. B. F. Bartlett, who has it in good condition, and it is furnished much as it was in the original time. Miss Floy Cottrell is the medium in charge of the cottage; she possesses the same phase of mediumship as the Fox Sisters' rappings.

The camp possesses one of the finest libraries in the country, in the Spiritualistic line.

The camp has had all the most noted workers in the lecture field and message work, also healing. On its list of workers it has had three women presidents: Mrs. Louise Pettingel, Mrs. Esther Caldwell Humphrey, who filled the office for twelve consecutive years, and now Mrs. Elizabeth Harlow Goetz, its present president.

The other presidents who have served are A. Gaston, Abraham Rasner and Dr. Geo. B. Warne. The dream of Lily Dale people is that it shall become a great Educational Center.

HARMONY GROUP

AT

THE FREEVILLE ASSEMBLY CAMP

The Band of Harmony was first established many years ago in the Church of The Soul, Chicago, Ill., by its Founder and Pastor, Cora L. V. Richmond, and her matchless guides.

Wherever Mrs. Richmond and her guides have ministered, large and small Harmony groups have followed, until they have reached from shore to shore and are *world wide* in their influence for good.

A small group of seven people was started at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. McIntyre, South Lansing, N. Y., on Cayuga Lake, where oftentimes Mr. and Mrs. Richmond came for visits and seasons of rest from camp work, and once after their trip abroad, when Mrs. Richmond was a delegate to the Peace Conference at The Hague.

The first seven members of the South Lansing Harmony group were: Mr. J. V. McIntyre, Sarah S. H. McIntyre, his wife, chosen as center of the group by the guides; Mrs. P. Ludlow of Ithaca, N. Y., inspired medium and healer, who portrayed many wonderful visions shown to her from spirit, thrown upon a scroll drawn for her to read, showing visions of the faces and scenes in Spirit of the high class teachers who came to minister, encourage and inspire all in the work for the benefit of mankind and its members; Mr. and Mrs. Grover M. Stout, their son, Ryder Stout of Trumansburg, N. Y.; Miss Marie C. Lewis of Ithaca, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Gillett of Binghamton, N. Y.

Recently the Harmony Group center has been transferred to Freeville, N. Y., for the benefit of the Central N. Y. Freeville Assembly Association of Spiritualists, and the following new members have been added: Mrs. B. C. Myers, Mr. Arthur A. Myers, Mrs. Ethel Snyder, Mrs. Edith Lusk of Hartford Mills, N. Y.; Mrs. Mary M. Jennings, Miss Claire Ferguson of Moravia, N. Y.; Mrs. Wm. H. Moore, Miss Victoria C. Moore of Dryden, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Swick, Mr. Frank Swick, Mrs. Ellen J. Reed of Ithaca, N. Y.; Mrs. Florence Griggs of Freeville, N. Y.

All members are past and present officers and members of the Freeville Assembly.

The purpose of the Harmony Group is for healing and growth by right thought, of "Peace Be Still," *The Divine Will* going out from within; Charity in speech, thought, and acts toward one another.

Perfect Freedom is perfect Service; for only in perfect service to God and Man can there be the highest expression of liberty. To do, and be, all one aspires to attain, without infringing upon the rights of others, is *true* liberty; the love that Father, Mother, God, gives us to exercise for others and for ourselves; spreading the truths of Spiritualism; by example, in so far as our growth will permit.

May not this little group, guided and protected from spirit by the larger group in spirit, in their unselfish work for harmonious conditions, for its members and all who need its healing influence to speed on the cause of true Spiritualism, fulfill some of its promises for harmony.

FREEVILLE ASSEMBLY

The Central New York Spiritualists' Association held its first session at Riverside Park, Freeville, N. Y., in July, 1895. In the year 1897 the present site was purchased and the association was organized and chartered under the laws of the State of New York. In 1903 a charter was granted the association by the New York State Spiritualist Association. In the year 1913 the society was reorganized as a religious body. Its object has ever been to promulgate the truths of Spiritualism and through its philosophy and phenomena to give to investigators and truth seekers knowledge of the continuity of life. Excellent talent has been engaged for the coming season.

Location

The Assembly grounds are situated within five minutes walk of the station at Freeville, N. Y., the junction of the Auburn and Sayre and the E. C. & N. lines of the Lehigh Valley R. R. From Rochester, take the New York Central (old road) to Auburn, checking baggage to the Monroe street station. From Syracuse take the New York Central to Auburn, Monroe street station. From Binghamton, via Cortland or Owego, Elmira and intermediate points (via Ithaca) take L. V. direct to Freeville.

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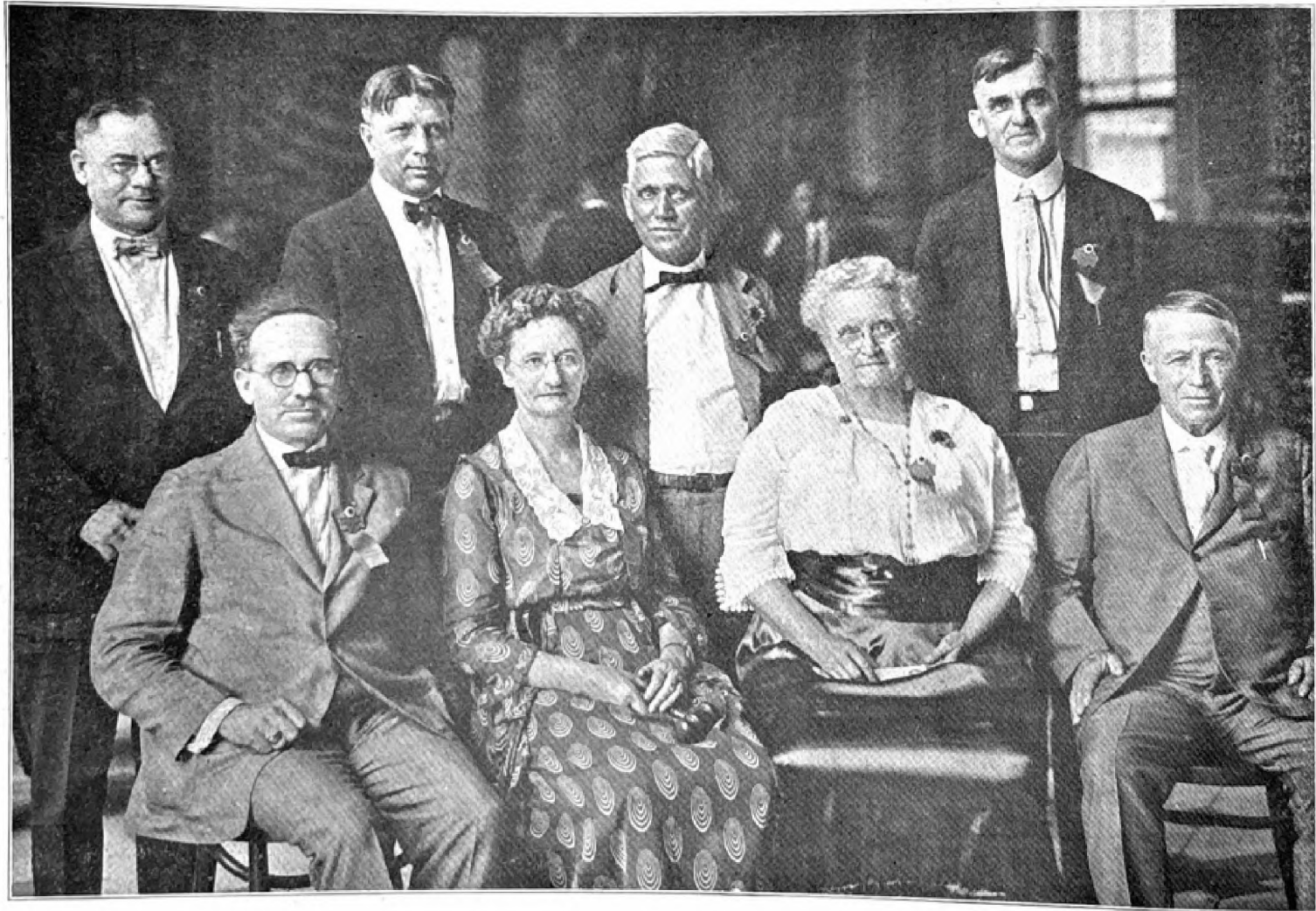
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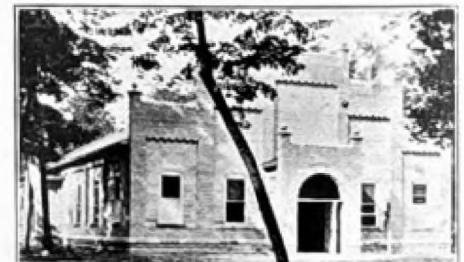
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Improvements

Quite an effort has been made the past year to make the Park a more attractive place than ever, many flowers have been planted to beautify. The dangerous crossing at the entrance of the Park has been graded up so as to make it safe and not so difficult for autos to cross. Also there will be week-day meetings throughout the entire camp.

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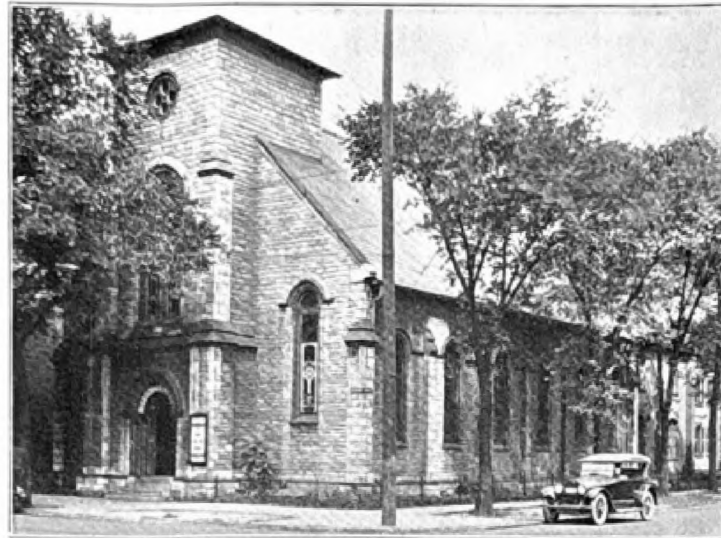
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Up until 1915 the church services were conducted by itinerary workers in the Spiritualist movement. In 1915 Mr. Wm. E. Hammond graduated at our National College at Whitewater, Wis., and came to our society for his first experience; he was very successful and enthusiastic in his work for the cause, remaining with us for six years, when he resigned to take up other work.

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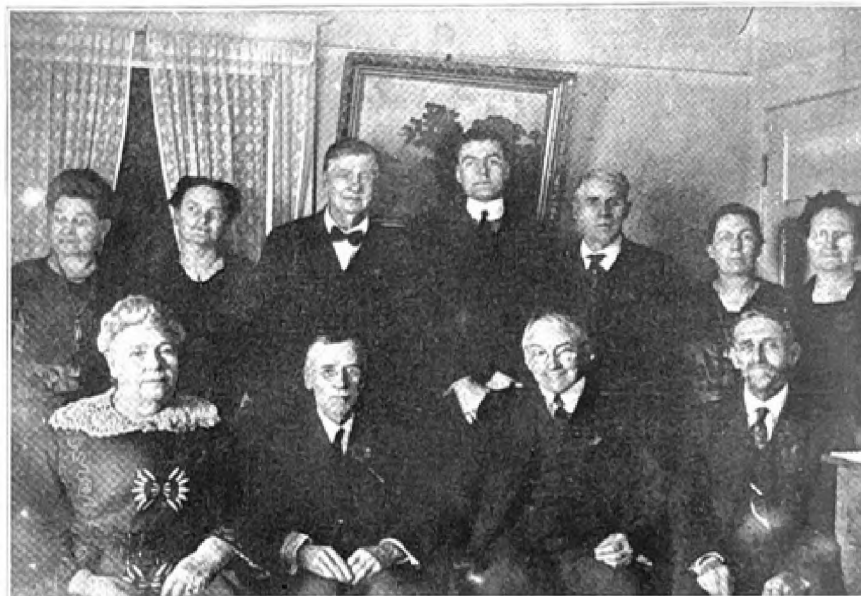
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(Write-up of Activities of State Spiritualist Association of Oregon)

Twenty-one years ago this November a sufficient number of loyal Spiritualists of Oregon decided that to lend the most proficient aid to the cause, and to place Spiritualism on a base, broad and equitable enough to command the attention and respect of all thinking people, it would be necessary to organize a State Association, and this we proceeded to do, organizing under the National Spiritualist Association, and declared ourselves in readiness to do propaganda work for the advancement of Spiritualism. At that time there were but two Spiritualist organizations in the State, one being the New Era Camp, which was chartered directly by the National Association, but who afterwards surrendered that charter and took their charter through our State Association; the other being the First Spiritualist Society (now the First Spiritualist Church of Portland), which had been struggling along some twenty years prior to our organization who later took charter from us, and today is the only Spiritualist Church in the State that owns its own temple. A considerable number of societies have been organized through our effort, many of whom have discontinued their work, due to lack of proficient and harmonious workers, until at the present time we have but four substantial organizations; however, we have a very good field to work in and some very capable and conscientious missionaries, and we expect to organize a number of new societies in the very near future. We are strenuously working for the upbuilding and advancement of Spiritualism in every way possible.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE OKLAHOMA STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION

The organization was perfected Sept. 14, 1907, in a little village named Mountain Park, in the Wichita Mountains, in Comanche County, near Lawton, Okla. The membership was small, consisting of individuals and auxiliary societies, among which were The First Spiritualist, Blackwell; The First Spiritualist, Oklahoma City; The First Progressive Spiritualist, Enid; The First Spiritualist, Tahlequah, and the society at Lawton the name of which the writer cannot recall. Also the First Spiritualist, Muskogee; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Kruse continue active members there.

Some of the individual members were Mr. R. G. Lee, secretary, Headrick; First President S. C. Simmons, Cache; G. G. Lee, vice-president, Roosevelt; M. Parmenter, Lawton; L. Stansburg, Newalla; Judge and Mrs. Thorpe, at that time members of the First Spiritualist, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Thorpe-Gable, now pastor of the Spiritualist Progressive, Oklahoma City.

The State Association has had four presidents, viz: Mr. S. C. Simmons, 1907-1909; Mrs. Thorpe-Gable, 1909-1911; Herbert M. French, 1911-1912; M. Alice Adams, 1912-1922.

Four Societies have ceased to be: Three—lack of a permanent leader; one—charter cancelled for cause.

We continue with eleven active charters, including one Lyceum, one Camp Association, our youngest child but not the weakest, claiming a membership of approximately 120. 507 is a conservative approximation of the membership in the state.

Our State Supt. of Lyceums, Mrs. Anna Wallace, is now overseas. Rev. Effie M. Roberts, one of our most gifted speakers, is now a resident of Arkansas. Rev. Edna Bacon, Blackwell, and Dr. Belle Reams, Enid, pioneers in the work, continue two of our most active ministers in this great cause.

The First Society of Tulsa is our strongest Society numerically and numbers ten good mediums. Our other Societies would walk shoulder to shoulder with Tulsa had they such a band of workers.

The Light of Truth Spiritualist, colored, Tulsa, overcoming many obstacles, is gaining in membership and influence. Much praise is due Mrs. Clara Belle Flemming for the assistance she has given this struggling little Society.

Many more Societies could be organized were it possible to place with them permanent pastors and message bearers. Sad experience with outside workers has taught us to appreciate our home product. We are proud of our ministers and message bearers.

We have two good trumpet mediums, viz.: Mrs. Marie Hutcherson, Sand Springs, and John C. Miller, Blackwell. Much more could be said, had I the space.

Thanking you for the courtesy we beg to remain,

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The Pennsylvania Spiritualists Association was organized February 25, 1908, at the meeting called by the local Spiritualists of Pittsburgh, and was held at the First Church of Spiritualists, Bouquet street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

There were representatives of churches from various parts of the state in attendance, Harrison D. Barrett, President of the National Spiritualist Association; Dr. G. B. Warne and Owen O. Wiard, who spoke on the need of organization and gave the addresses of the evening meetings. Others who took part in the business sessions were Hon. Thomas M. Locke, Mrs. Julia Locke, C. L. Stevens, George C. Day, F. E. Ellwanger, E. H. Marquette, Mrs. S. M. Ellwanger, John Grayburn, Major M. R. Rouse, Mrs. K. A. Springer, C. Fannie Allyn and others.

The officers elected were: Hon. Thomas M. Locke, Philadelphia, President; George C. Day, Pittsburgh, First Vice-President; Owen O. Wiard, Springboro, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Katie A. Springer, Royersford, Secretary; Major M. R. Rouse, Titusville, Treasurer. Trustees: F. E. Ellwanger, Philadelphia; J. A. Buckwalter, Royersford; C. L. Stevens, Pittsburgh; E. H. Marquette, New Castle; John Grayburn, Pittsburgh.

The Mediums who gave messages were Mrs. S. M. Ellwanger, George C. Day, Mrs. Selina Snyder, Mrs. J. S. Steele, Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. McFarland and Mrs. Mary Hatton.

Mrs. Selina Snyder, who was President of the German Spiritualist Society of Philadelphia, passed on a few years ago and left to the P. S. A. the first legacy of \$500.00. As a matter of appreciation for her consideration of the P. S. A. this is mentioned.

From February 25, 1908, to April 25, 1922, the P. S. A. has held their annual conventions at various parts of the State each year. The P. S. A. is growing in numbers and interest. There are more chartered churches now than ever before; 7 new charters added the last year. There are 30 certified workers and mediums at this time, and a number of applications for charters and certificates pending.

A bill was introduced at the last session of the legislature for the protection of the mediums and workers which, after passing the House and the Senate, was vetoed by Governor Sproul on account of improper wording of the bill.

It is the intention of the P. S. A. to have a new bill introduced at the next session of the legislature, and it is hoped that it will pass this time.

Mrs. C. V. Morrow, President, has served on the official board since 1913, this being her fourth term as President. Much credit is due her for her work as an organizer and missionary.

Mrs. M. E. Cadwallader, editor of The Progressive Thinker, is First Vice-President, and has served on the official board since 1919. She is chairman of the Legislative Committee, which is composed of Mrs. Cadwallader, Mrs. Morrow and Mrs. Springer.

Mr. Gilbert Armstrong is 2nd Vice-President of the newly elected officers at last convention, ever ready to do his part.

Mrs. K. A. Springer was elected at the time of organization of the P. S. A. as Secretary, has been on the official board ever since, all but two years and serving as Secretary.

Miss H. A. Bronson is Treasurer. Has filled that office for a number of years. Mr. F. E. Ellwanger and Mr. C. L. Stevens were elected at the time of organization and have served almost continuously since that time on the official board.

Mr. Chas. Hessom, Mr. James Wallace and Mr. C. J. Heinzman have been most active for years on the board.

The P. S. A. has a most harmonious board and more interest is being taken in the work each year, the auxiliary churches report better attendance, several are making a drive for "New Church" funds.

The P. S. A. sent an ambulance to the World War, and many of the Churches did their share of Red Cross work.

There is a "Buckwalter Propaganda Fund" of the P. S. A. which is in the hands of a permanent committee composed of Mrs. K. A. Springer, Mr. James Wallace and Miss H. A. Bronson, who have charge of the funds and the arranging of meetings for propaganda and Missionary work for the P. S. A.

What Pennsylvania needs is the co-operation of more Spiritualists and churches of the State, we realize when we are asked "How many Spiritualists are there in your State," that numbers count, and so we need better and stronger organization in Pennsylvania.

Officers of present Board are:

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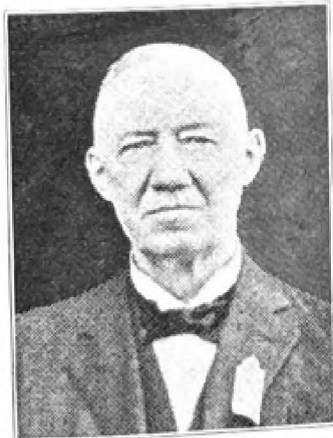
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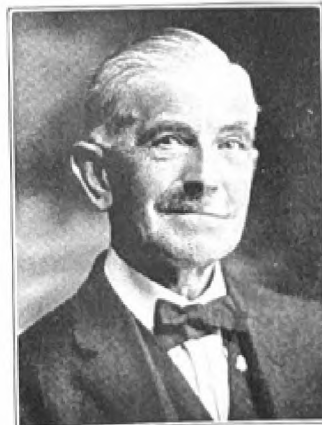
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The Universal Spiritualist Brotherhood Church of Philadelphia, Pa., is proud to report splendid progress since receiving its Charter from the Pennsylvania Spiritualist Association in 1917. The membership has steadily increased and future prospects are very bright.

Miss Anna K. Rose has been Pastor of the Church since its inception and the credit of our success is due to her unselfish efforts. Miss Rose is a Certified Medium and possesses a wonderful gift in Trumpet Manifestation. The meetings are held at 2927 Oxford Street, where we shall be glad to greet our friends.



Universal Spiritualist Brotherhood Church



Mrs. Anna K. Rose

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**MRS. MARIE ZOLLER
LEES**

Born in Wurtemberg, Germany, March 24, 1843. Came to the United States in 1865. Married Dr. Charles Zoller in 1866. After being a widow three years, I married William P. Lees, who passed out in 1906.

Have been a public medium about fifty years.

My phases of mediumship are healing, trance and inspirational speaking, psychometry, clairvoyance and clairaudience.

Have been a member of the First Association of Spiritualists, Philadelphia, Pa., for fifty years.

Have a certificate from the National Spiritualists' Association of Washington, D. C. Practiced mediumship in Washington, twelve years, also in Onset and Lilly Dale camps as healer and message-bearer. Am still in active work in Philadelphia as speaker and message-bearer in the English and German languages.



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From childhood knew there was an unseen guiding influence around her but never really understood until she visited the First Church of Spiritualists, Pittsburgh, Pa., where the medium advised her to develop the Psychic gifts; telling her she could do much good for humanity.

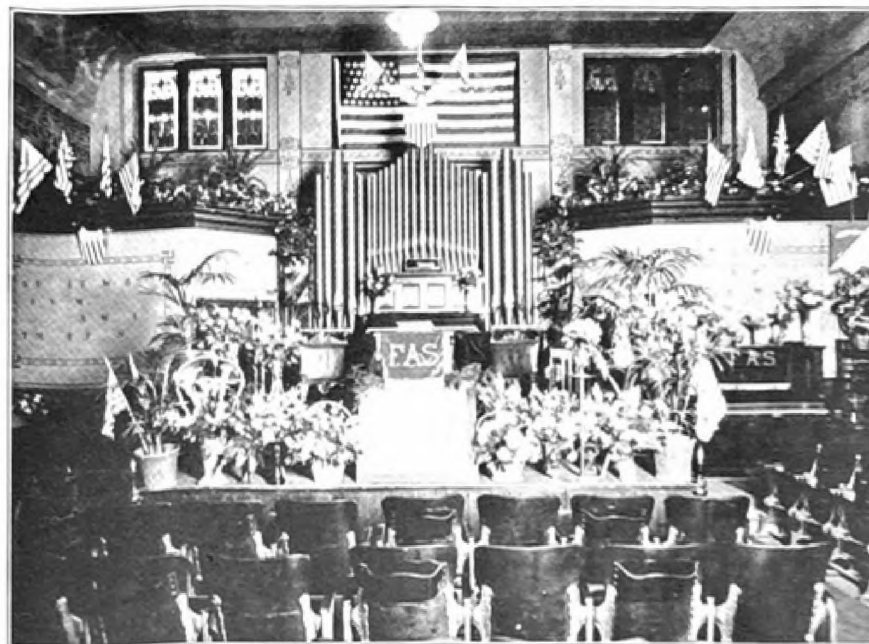
Mrs. Henry has never regretted the four years' time spent to develop mediumship. She is always willing to do anything she can to help bring this beautiful truth to all mankind. She is affiliated with P. S. A.



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Mrs. H. S. Keim, Secretary.
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The Second Spiritualist Church, of Reading, Pa.

This Church was first chartered by the Pennsylvania Spiritualist Association under name of Independent Spiritualist Church. Later they requested the State Association to allow a change of name. It was granted. This church holds charter No. 52, P. S. A.

We have held services in a beautiful hall in Odd Fellows Temple, at the corner of 8th and Franklin streets, since its organization in 1915.

Also have had Rev. Sada Louise Hand, one of our well known workers, settled as Minister, the seven years. Mrs. Hand is a splendid speaker, a good medium, bringing comfort to many sad hearted people. As a Healer, we feel that too much cannot be said, as many hundreds have been either cured or benefited. The healing has attracted people to our Cause when everything else failed.

We (like all others) have faced trials and hardships, but we have always overcome, and can say that we have been successful.

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The Progressive Spiritual Church of Greensburg, Pa., was organized January 25th, 1921, in the home of the President, Daniel Stewart Brougher, with 26 members enrolled, and is still growing. We have a choir which renders appropriate music for each service. We are a chartered auxiliary of the Pennsylvania Spiritualists Association.

Our certified healers are Daniel Stewart Brougher, whose wonderful work is widely known (is even called the miracle man), and his wife, Anna Bloom Brougher, who is also a worker for God in every way. Their home is always open for the promotion of Spiritualism as taught by Jesus Christ. Our aim is a Church Building and a Lyceum.

Greensburg, Pa.



PICTURE OF BUCKWALTER FAMILY

Picture taken in 1898. Standing, left to right: Katie, R. Samana, William F., Laura M., and Stella. Parents seated in center. Lower row: Abram, Joseph and Ella.

When the rappings occurred in Hydesville, N. Y., in 1848, there lived in a secluded portion of Chester County, Pa., near the hamlet of Kimberton, an estimable couple, Abraham Buckwalter and his good wife Rachel. They were parents of a large family of male children only and were progressive for the period and locality in which they resided. Being of a class which did not have opportunity of higher education, they were none the less ardent readers, and yearned for truth concerning Spiritual as well as material matters.

Knowledge of the Hydesville, N. Y., phenomena reached the Buckwalter family shortly after its occurrence, which at once began to investigate by the usual way at the time by table tapping, with the result that they became convinced that there was an intelligent force beyond the mortal.

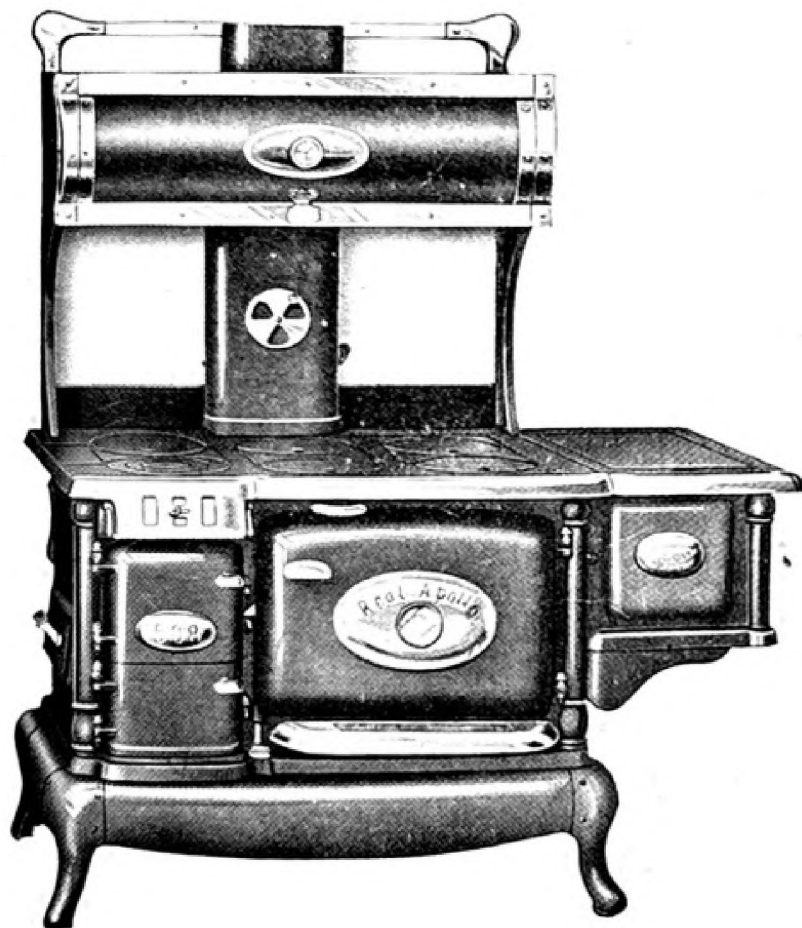
During the period of investigation the following children became intensely interested: Henry L., deceased; B. Franklin, deceased; I. Newton; Lewis C., Deceased, and Joseph A. Buckwalter, who all became convinced and confirmed Spiritualists as the truths were unfolded.

On December 14, 1861, Joseph Addison Buckwalter was married to Miss Mary Hamor, of Kimberton, Pa., who became as ardent in the cause as her husband. She developed healing powers which she offered gratuitously to rich or poor alike, and passed to higher life November 13, 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Addison Buckwalter are shown above with their eight children, Mrs. Katie A. Springer, Mrs. R. S. Raiser, W. F. Buckwalter, Mrs. Laura B. Grater, deceased, Mrs. Stella B. Herbine, Mrs. Ella B. Rogers, Abram L. Buckwalter, and Jos. A. Buckwalter, M. D., who have all accepted the truths of Spiritualism.

Mrs. Katie A. Springer has been the Secretary of the Pennsylvania State Spiritualists Association since its existence with the exception of two years; during those two years she was a member of the official board.

Mr. Buckwalter served two years on the Pennsylvania Spiritualist Association Board. During the World War, was very active in Liberty Loan drives and Red Cross work, contributing outright, in memory of his beloved wife, Mary Hamor Buckwalter, an ambulance which went into service in France.

At the advanced age of 76 he is still active in business, municipal and welfare work and is living up to his oft-expressed desire, "I want to wear, not rust out."



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TEXAS STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION

On May 15th, 1897, there was granted a State Charter at Austin to the following parties: Allen Franklin Brown, Chas. W. Brown, Newman A. Landas, W. H. Winn, Lydia W. Allen, Jennie Hulburt and Geo. Lang. The same parties were granted a charter by the National Spiritualist Assn. the same year. Later a State Charter was granted to the following parties for a State Spiritualist Association of Dallas: Capt. J. B. Watkins and wife, Mr. Hodges and wife, J. B. Simpson and others. These two charters have been merged into one.

The Texas State Assn. is in fine condition and good working order.

Some of the early workers in the cause of Spiritualism in the State of Texas were: Carrie M. Hinsdale, Fred Tatum, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. L. J. Walker, Grace C. Lowrey, Mr. Henry Sanders, John Ring, E. Freeze.

The Presidents of the Texas State Assn. from its first organization are: Allen F. Brown, Henry Sanders, John W. Ring, Mrs. Carrie M. Hinsdale, Dr. Wm. Hamel, Grace C. Lowrey and J. S. Maxwell.

The movement in Texas has many sincere workers at this time, has nine charters, all doing good active work, and the outlook is bright.



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THE VERMONT STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION

A Mass Meeting was held in Danby, Vt., Sept. 4-5, 1868, to consider organizing a State Association. Between four and five hundred people interested in Spiritualism attended said meeting. A committee was appointed from this body to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws, and on Sept. 6 said By-Laws and Constitution were adopted and officers duly elected. They became an active working organization for the cause of Spiritualism.

At the next Legislative Session thereafter, the organization was duly incorporated under the laws of the state. For many years the society held quarterly conventions in different parts of the state, organizing many local societies in cities and towns, increasing the membership in less than two years to over five hundred.

At that time there were many public speakers and message bearers in the state, among the many being Mrs. Lizzie Manchester, S. Randolph, Mrs. Sarah Willey, Rockingham; Mrs. Fannie Davis Smith, Brandon; Mrs. B. Pratt, Granville; Mrs. Emma Paul, Morrisville; Mr. Alonzo Hubbard, Tyson; Mrs. Abbie Tanner Crossett, Lensburg, and others. With this galaxy of most efficient workers the fires of spiritual truth were kept brightly burning through the length and breadth of Vermont. But all these lights but one have gone to their great reward, and nearly all the old members as well.

For the past twenty years only two conventions a year have been held by the State Association. The membership decreasing all the time, five years ago it was decided to hold but one each year, that being the Annual Convention to elect officers. Nearly all the local societies became silent bodies some years ago. It was always an individual membership society until Aug. 3, 1921, when the organization became affiliated with the N. S. A., its charter being 464. This was brought about by the untiring efforts and zeal of the following named officers of 1921:

President—Rev. Effie I. Webster, Montpelier.
Second Vice-President—Charles Ingalls, Montpelier.
Mrs. J. Belle Hutchins, Barre.
Leroy Anderson, Barre.

First Vice-President—Grover Hall, Barre.
Treasurer—Mrs. Nellie M. Shaw, Morrisville.
Mrs. Lillian Gill, Burlington.

There is a growing interest in the State Association, although we are handicapped for workers. There has been but one public worker in the state for the past ten years, and not a native of Vermont. During that time that one has been busy serving Barre and Braintree, occasionally holding a weekly meeting in Montpelier.

Since affiliating with the N. S. A. two auxiliaries have been added. Barre Spiritualist Society, which has a membership of thirty-five. This society holds regular services from the second Sunday in September to the second in May following, Rev. Effie I. Webster having served them as speaker and message bearer for the past two seasons and is to serve the coming one. The Montpelier Society Auxiliary No. 2 is a small body; prospects for increase good.

There are two very prominent local workers coming to the front. Mrs. Nettie Hunt Bruce, of Burlington, has been holding public meetings Feb. 19 to May 21, inclusive, and has done good work. Mr. L. L. McAlister, President Queen City Park Camp Association, has developed to be a good speaker and at times gives good messages. Some others will soon let their light shine from under the bushel and send it out so others may see.

Altogether the prospects are promising for Vermont to again swing into the ranks and file abreast with any of her sister states in the Union in dispensing the principles and precepts of the most glorious religion of the age—Spiritualism.

REV. EFFIE I. WEBSTER, President, V. S. S. A., Montpelier
MRS. NELLIE M. SHAW, Secretary, Morrisville

THE STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON

The State Spiritualist Association of Washington was founded and incorporated March 16th, 1899, and has kept right along boosting the cause of Spiritualism since that time with varying results till five years ago, at which time the present officers were elected and then we commenced to go ahead. We now own ten acres of the finest land in the State of Washington, situated on Surprise Lake, near Tacoma which is fitted for camp purposes and entirely free from debt and can never be mortgaged or sold, but must remain in the hands of the Spiritualists for all time. The property and improvements are now valued at about \$15,000.00. We have excellent fishing, boating and bathing facilities and hold Camp for two months each year, there being an average attendance of 300 regular campers besides the transient visitors.

The State Association is making every effort to spread the gospel of Spiritualism throughout the State, and before we expect to have a Society in every city, town and village.

We cannot speak too highly of our officers, who are working tirelessly without thought of recompense for the advancement of our cause, and the fact that we are in the prosperous condition of today is mostly due to the untiring zeal and energy of our beloved President and Secretary, who during the year devote their time and money without stint to the cause. We extend a hearty invitation to all coming this way to look us up or give us a call, and we can assure them a hearty welcome.

T. F. McMann, Second Vice-President of the S. S. A. of Washington, has been connected with the Spiritualist movement for many years. His aim has always been to raise the standard of Spiritualism. He is himself a Psychic of national reputation, having demonstrated before the Research Society of London, England, and hundreds of other educational and investigating bodies. He is known as the Soldier Boy Psychic. He is highly respected in his home city and wherever known.

Anton Mason has for the past fifteen years been treasurer of the S. S. A. of Washington. He has been a factor in helping to build up the organization. He is a retired business man, but his heart and soul are in the work for raising of Spiritualism to the highest standard possible.

C. J. Holst is serving his third term as president of S. S. A. His one aim in serving with and in the Spiritualist movement is for the truth that can be brought to mankind.

OFFICIAL BOARD WASHINGTON STATE SPIRITUALIST ASSOCIATION



MR. C. J. HOLST of Tacoma, serving his fifth term as President, is State Grain Commissioner and Treasurer of the Progressive Psychic Society of Tacoma, the organizer of the State Association.



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WILL O. CHRISTIE of Tacoma, Secretary, serving his fourth term and has been active in the Spiritualist movement for 30 years, coming here from Wisconsin.



ANTON MASON of Puyallup, Treasurer-Founder of the First Spiritualist Church of Puyallup, has served the State Association for the last seven years as Treasurer.



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HISTORY OF THE FIRST SPIRITUALIST CHURCH OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

The First Spiritualist Church of Washington, D. C., was organized May 21, 1895. Its trustees were Messrs. Edson, Hall, Mayer, Ritter, and Steinberg. On its platforms have served many of the leading speakers and mediums, such as Moses Hull, Dr. J. M. Peebles, Harrison D. Barrett, W. J. Colville, Fred A. Wiggin, Oscar A. Edgerly and Mary T. Longley. For the last six years Alfred H. Terry has served the church as its pastor, which has resulted in its growth, both in membership and financially. Today the church is in the strongest condition of its twenty-seven years of existence. Its membership consists of earnest, enthusiastic workers, whose efforts are harmoniously directed toward one aim, and that to keep the banner of Spiritualism aloft here in the capital city. The present board consists of: President, Mr. A. H. Terry; Vice-President, Mr. G. F. Green; Secretary, Mrs. A. L. Terry; Treasurer, Mr. W. D. Brown, and Trustees: Mrs. L. V. Leach, Messrs. P. L. Compton, S. Scharbau, Giss and Palmer. Leading Spiritualists always attend this church when in the capital city and are given a hearty welcome.



FIRST SPIRITUALIST TEMPLE
Wheeling, W. Va.

The Second Spiritualist Church of Wheeling is located on Market Street, in Masonic Temple Building. Services every Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. All are welcome. Lecture and spirit messages. Nimrod Club meets first Tuesday evening in each month.

REV. MRS. FANNIE S. BUCKNER,
101, 17th St., Wheeling W. Va.



Mrs. Fannie S. Buckner, the first woman in the State of West Virginia to receive a ministerial certificate, with all the rights given any minister, was also the organizer of the Second Spiritualist Church under the laws of the N. S. A.; also the first woman in the State to perform a marriage ceremony.

This Church was organized in the city of Wheeling in the year 1911, and with untiring efforts on the part of the faithful few that came together, it has met with success. Its membership is steadily increasing, and we hope soon to have a church of our own in which we may worship.

The greatest aim of this Church is to uplift fallen humanity, spiritually and materially.

The Wisconsin State Spiritualist Association

was organized April 17th, 1900, receiving its Charter from the National Spiritualist Association, Sept. 15th, 1900, incorporating as a religious body Dec. 15th, 1900.

As an incorporated organization it started its work with struggles and difficulties ahead—it was a time of hardship and an uphill fight with continual opposition and troubles financially and otherwise. "Let us forget the past," is a good old saying, and as the present age smiles with better opportunities we hope to conquer and succeed in our glorious mission. The W. S. S. A. issued charters to thirty-four Auxiliary Societies in the State of which many are still in good working condition, trying their best to teach the Philosophy of Life, which is the beautiful mission of Spiritualism.

During the last ten years the Annual Conventions turned more and more into interesting and successful revival meetings and the results were more gratifying as to good promises for better things to come.

It must not be forgotten to state that the W. S. S. A. has some money in its treasury for work that is needed, but also that much more is necessary to carry on efficient work, and we desire to inform all open-minded friends that donations are never rejected and will be cheerfully accepted. The Wisconsin State Spiritualist Association has endeavored to promulgate a better education for all spiritual workers, so that they may understand the great fact that "Knowledge is power," and that men and women of strong and noble character are necessary in our movement, in order to give it the secret dignity associated with a modest and ever active simplicity which characterize the successful powers operating in the domains of the laws of nature.

"It is easy enough to be pleasant, when life flows along like a song, but the men worth while are the ones who will smile—when everything goes dead wrong." Many members of the various Executive Boards of the W. S. S. A. have stood the test in dark hours when everything went dead wrong—they worked and smiled. Many have been blown into oblivion, because they had forgotten that it was and always will be necessary to keep busy in order to keep happy, and have things going and moving with a smile, but not without direct action and personal energy in order to obtain meritorious and lasting accomplishments.

Our last convention in March 21 to 23, 1922, was a gratifying success and the Executive Board will keep on with its best material and spiritual forces to build up a more successful organization which shall and must do honor to the active forces now doing hard work in the National Spiritualist Association.

We feel proud of having in our State two institutions of merit. First, The Morris Pratt Institute in Whitewater, Wis., a School for the better education of Mediums—a spot which has filled many a heart with joy and many a mind with better equipments for the active field which Mediums must enter in order to uphold with honor the teachings of Spiritualism.

Second, we have a spot of ideal beauty and inspiration in our Wisconsin Spiritualist Camp at Wonowoc, Wis., where real camp life and many happy moments await such visitors who want to enjoy the blessings of Mother Nature under guidance of spiritual studies and interesting seances held by the Camp Association.

The Executive Board endeavors to assist its Auxiliary Societies by furnishing able speakers and mediums for their services. Our Motto shall always be—"Anything worth while doing at all is worth while doing well."

Therefore, Spiritualists "must" unite for Spiritualism—"The Studies of the laws of endless progress"—and work themselves with dignity and untiring persistency into the station of such a public standing that our wonderful "Harmonial Philosophy with its Studies of Facts" is entitled to. Such is the Keynote of the Wisconsin State Spiritual Association and particularly its Executive Board.

F. A. KRAFT, M. D. *President*



Executive Board of the Wisconsin State Spiritualist Association

First row sitting at left: Dr. F. A. Kraft, President, Milwaukee; sitting at right, Mr. Edw. E. Mick, Vice-President, Milwaukee.
 Second row, from left to right: Mrs. Margaret Jones, Trustee, Milwaukee; Mr. August Hoefs, Trustee, Milwaukee; Mrs. Catherine McFarlin, Second Vice-President, La Crosse, Wis.; Mrs. Rose Hangartner, State Lyceum Superintendent, Fond du Lac, Wis.; Miss Louis G. Loebel, Secretary, Fond du Lac, Wis.; Mrs. Cora Barge, Treasurer, Union Center, Wis.; Mr. Wm. E. Klein, Milwaukee, Wis.; Mrs. Hattie Smith, Milwaukee.

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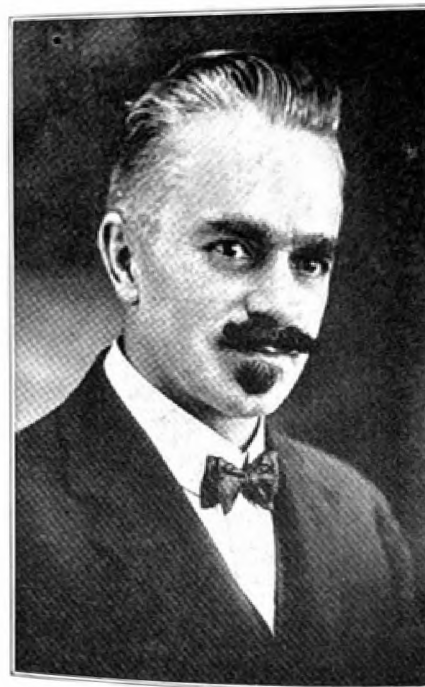
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C. C. Pratt, Baraboo, Wis.

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Second Vice-President, John Blish, Wonewoc, Wis.
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Our Next Camp Meeting Commences the second Sunday in July, continuing through six Sundays.



Wonewoc, Wis., Camp Scene



Dr. F. A. Kraft

Dr. F. A. Kraft is the President of the Wisconsin State Spiritualists' Association. The Doctor has been in the field of Spiritualist Activities ever since 1897.

He is a man of the most tolerant type in our movement, a good organizer, forceful speaker and striking debater. Dr. Kraft is an ardent Philatelist and student of History. His library consists of over 2,000 volumes of excellent books. He is also President of the Milwaukee Philatelic Society. Dr. Kraft occupied prominent positions in administrative offices, such as Fire and Police Commissioner, and he was appointed Health Commissioner of Milwaukee from 1910 to 1914.

His striking personality is brought out prominently by his modesty and also very emphatic action, when necessary,—always obeying the slogan, "Do right and fear nothing."

Dr. Kraft is a strong upholder of Andrew Jackson Davis, a close observer and scientific worker in the studies and investigations of Spiritualism.

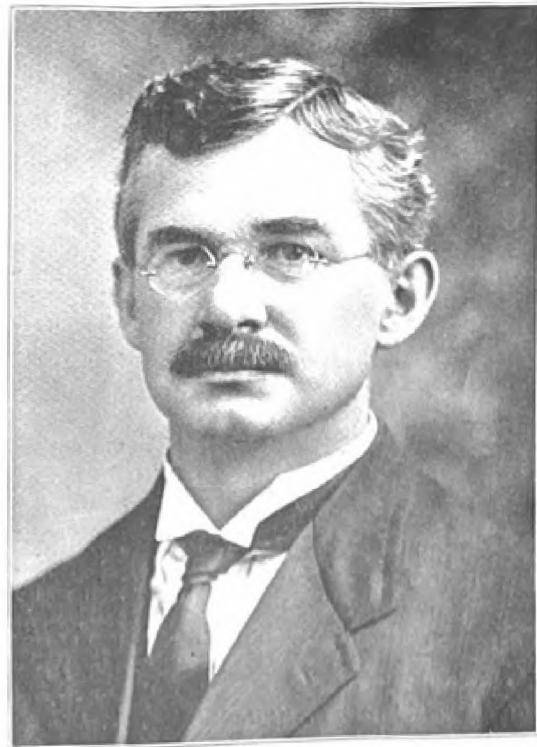
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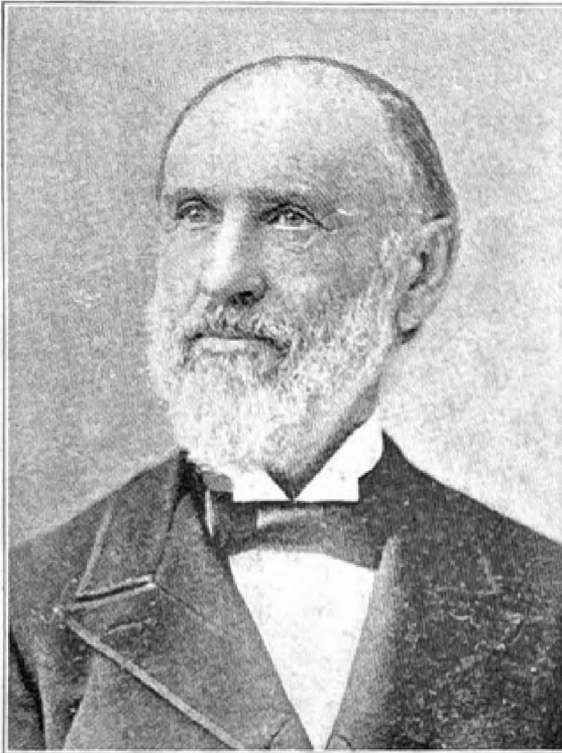
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