

FACTS OF HISTORY.

"Truth is a suppliant who, standing before the threshold, is forever pressing towards the hearth from which it has been banished. As we pass before the door, that majestic and mournful figure, that woman of sorrows, who has attracted our attention; we have not been able to repudiate the truth, we still retain within us of its light our entreated eye can bear. The rest we reject or disfigure—we retain the name of things we no longer possess."—Viney's "Vital Christianity," p. 10.

And the Christian Church, with its spiritual and material world sold for fifteen years unshaken. All at once the monk Copernicus stood forth; with a mighty hand he pushed away the Globe from the center of creation, fixed the Sun in its place, and bade the formation of the world be dated from the day of its reconstruction, its own axis in 23°

Still, there was the spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive, because the world seeth him not" (St. John 14: 57) "Lo I am with you always" that is the spirit of truth which has always been, "is now and ever shall be."

"In Jewish history, whence Christianity originates the spiritual faith of the Christian people, supernaturalism reigns supreme: from Pisgah, Carmel, Ararat and Sinai, it streams down in dazzling splendor, it illumines the tents and palm shades of the ancient patriarchs; from the wilderness, cities and streams of Judea it comes; it is the imperishable manna from God; it is the heavenly light."

unjust; we meet it as legion; it is clothed in all temples and seated in every hall, college, cottage or tent; its phenomena are more forced on us than sought by us; and we can name but a few facts, that we are aware of but a small percentage in any of the historic annals, and which, given to us, would be as much as we have and an odd grain there, for to give all would be to nearly repeat all history. Yet this is the thing some of the wisecracks of to-day doubt and deny; a professor Heller on the one hand and a De Witt Talmage on the other, have never met the phenomena, ergo they do not exist. They are like the fly on the acorn, which could not

derived the art by various spells, drugs,
 herbs, etc., and were named sorcerers,
 while amongst the Brahmins of India,
 and fire-worshippers of the East, these
 singular spells were wrought, the high-
 est God, that of Light, dwelt in the sun
 and His principal power was man-
 ifested in fire; hence the name of
 fire-brusher. These persons were
 amongst the earliest adepts in the
 occult sciences, which practical divination
 in its own way and had its own secrets
 (revealed only to their highest officers,
 the Magi) some of which secrets and
 signs are said to have been transmitted
 by them down through the ages to their
 present representatives on earth—the

Osiris and Isis of the Egyptians. They studied the arts and the sciences more persistently and advanced in knowledge and power, and with wealth, splendour and luxury, they forgot their first love, turned their back upon inspiration, departed from the truth, and their Oracles became pretenders, their inspired mediums frauds, their religion form and ceremony, and their philosophy materialistic. The veiled and pure Isis and the unseen Osiris were forgotten for Deities of a depraved order and their power crumbled away in the shadows of materialism and material power, the monuments in the pyramids and sphinxes testified to the Ruins and Græco-Roman.

but these writings criticised the Hebrew scriptures to such an extent that the devout Jews ignored them, in the same way as secret societies, to this day, are condemned by the church; yet the proofs are undoubted that they had secret sources of inspiration, and held communion with unseen powers. All this the outside Hebrews themselves acknowledged, but declared the communion was with unhalloved spirits, and condemned it as sorcery and witchcraft, only accepting such inspiration as came to the world through the order of

Now though much was done by the powerful in all these nations to crush out inspiration, there was still left a remnant of the faithful, who had not forgotten their God, and amongst the Persians, Greeks, and Romans, more than amongst the Hebrews, there was abroad a spirit of expectancy—a watching for the new revelation—the coming that so long foretold. Who were the first to discover that the Christ had the long-look-for revelation? The eastern heathen Magi, guided by the star; they came and explicated their work (probably of some secret order) bringing gifts to the babe, showing that inspiration was not crushed out amongst the

receive Him; so their inspiration was lost, their church was dead, and more **superstition, more life, more love, was** found amongst the heathen.

MODERN INSPIRATION.

Coming down to more recent times, how common are spiritual manifestations amongst all people, except, of course, the few who patiently well learned and whose personal wisdom is far beyond that of ordinary mortals; indeed how frequently we find the best mediums to be reputed as fools, weak and vacillating, even sometimes "babes and sucklings" and unfortunately, too often laving themselves open to the

by his brother Alexis and his eyes put out; he was a fool but he was a clairvoyant.

Claus, the court fool at Welmar, rushed at one time in amongst the sitting councillors and exclaimed: "You are consulting about very important matters, but no one thinks of the fire raging at Colmar." An alarm of the mail it was found an alarming fire was devastating the city; another fool but a clairvoyant.

At Perouse, in 1616, a priest named Jacques, while celebrating mass turned round to the people and instead of saying "orate fratres," etc., he exclaimed:

and the woman attributed these effects to spirits; probably they, too, were fools but mediums.

Fernallus tells us of a gentleman who was attacked by convulsions daily or oftener and who in these fits spoke Greek and Latin: though the thoughts were those of a simpleton, and trusted the physicians on their ignorance of his trouble. It was discovered, however, that the secret of the whole trick was magnetism, even though this peculiar force called itself a spirit. It was not so. Now, which was the most consummate folly? to believe that it was an invisible intelligence, or that it was dead though subtle matter

to cure and convert people by merely stroking or breathing upon them; and Olaf Magnus says that amongst the Laplanders, after certain ceremonies there were people who fell into a profound slumber, and gave information of events transpiring at far distant places, and in many cases on waking, had a distinct recollection of their visit to those places. Of course it is well-known that the Catholic Church through all its existence, did, and does still acknowledge spiritual manifestations, but, unfortunately, like the ancient Egyptians, Persians, Greeks, Romans and Jews, it has lost its inspiration and its sense of awe.

present century, through every religious schism, and in every shade of opinion. Spiritualism is manifested in a higher, or lower degree, as circumstances would allow. Coming down nearer to our own time we would glance for a moment at the period of the Reformation, and I would here say that, as far as my limited knowledge of history extends, the most scientific, though most materialistic phase of religious opinion that ever existed found in the various sects of the Protestant faith dating from the Reformation. In their detestation of Roman corruption and of Roman faith—nicknamed by them cre-

the very "gifts" of supernaturalism that God Himself had given, they were burdened by the cold, and soured by the persecutions of the world, they rolled themselves up in themselves, for a little warmth, and blew upon themselves for a little life, and if there be a spark of life found in a Protestant church to-day, it is itself a spiritual manifestation and a miracle, after what they have done to crush it out; and yet the true reformers themselves could not have carried out their great work without Spiritualism." "The Herald" said, "I do not desire that God should send an angel to me, and would not that He should send visions or revelations:"

Luther was preaching (probably their faith) had more to do with the miracle than Luther's, so when she was thrown on the floor in convulsions, Luther laid his hand on her head and repeated the creed, the Lord's prayer, and the words of Jesus, "He that believeth in me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do," and I sometimes think how Christ-like his action was, for then he touched her with his foot, then said: "Thou proud Devil, I know thy head is crushed," and went away. The girl was taken home to her friends, and was no more troubled by the spirit. On another oc-

vision of the Lord appeared to him showing the five wounds so distinctly that he thought Christ present in the flesh; on reflection, however, he knew it must be some juggling of the Devil, so he said: "Avoid thee, confounded man! I know not other Christ than the living Christ, who is with me here." He says, "The vision vanished, clarity showing whence it came." Poor Luther thought it impossible to "quench the spirit."

In Luther's Table Talk there are scores of pages relating his conversations, argument, etc., with invisible personages, always devils, even when they join him to give up his errors; he will

physicians who attempt to heal such
sufferers are ignorant blockheads, who
know nothing about the power of the
demon." "In Paltersburg there is a
stone in which if you throw a stone a
storm arises and the whole neighbor-
hood quakes; it is the devil kept there
by prisoners who occasion this." "Satan
once tried to kill our prior by throwing
down a wall on him, but God saved
him." "Last Good Friday at Sassen the
Devil carried off three grooves, who had
devoted themselves to him."

Again, in 1521, when translating the
Bible at Wartburg, the Devil inter-
rupted him; he got mad and threw his

“Lord,” when he heard the voice; Luther would say: “Get away, thou Devil!” and I think the spirit must have had some pluck, for when he was talked to like that he would not go.

OTHER REFORMERS.

But we can’t say longer with Luther, “But as we like his company, for we have said enough to show that this great father of the Reformation was, even if he knew it not, like many others a believer in Spiritualism. Numerous instances of the supernatural might be given of the other reformers Melancthon, Beza, Calvin, Knox, etc., but to make one instance more, and then pro-

mod cheer. When he opened his eyes, he found the leaping, crackling, devouring flames and said: "My spirit is unaccounted, but he who from yonder place beheld me with such pride, shall in a few days lie in the same, as I am now to rest himself!" Only a few weeks later, the castle was destroyed, and the cardinal put to death, and his body hurled out at the same window from which he enjoyed the execution of his orders. The spirit of prophecy was vindicated by the martyr in death.

MODERN SPIRITUALISM. JOHN WESLEY.

down was the budding victory of men over women, the triumph of democracy, of formalism and ritualism; the other, the triumph of material rationalism; while the fruit they bore between them was a hybrid—a mule, barren of results, without continued life, therefore ending in death. Just at this point, when humanism's wants excited the demand, nature provided the supply; and John Wesley and his contemporaries step upon the scene. He was cradled in supernaturalism, and grew up and walked with spirits in his schoolboy rounds; the paragonate at Epworth was truly a "gate of heaven" where the spirit spake through the bars; another Bethel where the angel

CHRISTIAN church is because the christians are turned heathen again, and have only a dead form left"—Is there any other way of escape left?—Is there any faithful follower of John Wesley who reads this article? If so he is a Spiritalist.

MOTHER ANN LEE.

One more, in or about the year 1768, Mother Ann Lee, daughter of an English blacksmith, conceived she had an inspiration from Heaven and becoming the head of a small society in Lancaster, a few Quakers and others joined her, when, to escape persecution, they set out for America, arriving in the States about 1774. In 1776, I under-

the good old man is not now laboring in his earthly vineyard, having passed on to the harvest. Then again Orson Pratt, perhaps the most reliable advocate of the Mormon Church, claims that their church has been founded, not alone on the blood of their martyrs, but upon spiritual signs and wonders, and miraculous gifts of the spirit; and there is not much to be said against this, unless it were proved false, for every church, or sect, except the general Protestant churches, claims the same thing; the Roman and the Greek, the Waldenses, the Anabaptists, the Quakers, and many in-

world could have laid to their charge. Sometimes I have heard it claimed that Henry Ward Beecher was a Spiritualist, but he was always so extremely cautious that we think we had better place him outside the line; yet here is the testimony: "I have often been in that state which links us with a higher and better life, and on occasional occasions I have been able to see things in the invisible world more potent and real, than the visible world, and in which we see through the body and discern the substance of eternal truths," while his brother, the Rev. Amos A. Beecher, who was appointed to investigate the subject, by the Congre-

The Rev. T. L. Harris, is frequently called as a Spiritualist, but there are many who refuse to yield that claim, because for some years he cut himself away from their associations; but whether he would acknowledge it or not, his testimony has always been earnest and fervent in its favor, and when he was busy with burning eloquence preaching the New Gospel, in his old country, he suddenly stopped, and his triumphant career, cancelled all

A very remarkable prophecy, by the American Quaker, Joseph Hoag, of the religious schisms in that and other religious societies, of an outbreak amongst the freemasons and lastly of the American Civil War was printed and in circulation years before among his friends. They are not Spiritualists. As for knockings, there seems to have been no age or country without them. The knockings are numerous, are innumerable. Clearly, they were not Spiritualists. Clearly, they have been known all over the world. Under various names, and from time immemorial, it has been recognized in Scotland as "second sight." Spirit

heard, seeing, they should see and not receive." Let us thank God, if we have received the spirit, clasped the vanished angel, or heard the echoes of the voice that is still.

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KEELY'S PHILOSOPHY.

REVIEWED BY QUESTOR VITAE—
MIND, MATTER, AND RHYTH-
MICAL RELATIONS.

Keely conceives the basic Universal element to consist in a force which in-

These three modes of vibration exist in six different orders of atomic sub-divisions of matter, or of vibratory motion in which we are capable of cognition. Molecular, Inter-molecular, Atomic, Inter-atomic, Etheric, Inter-etheric.

Material aggregation is caused by the second law, that of focalization of negative affinity or attraction, which means in mutual affinity or equilibrium, establishes a neutral center of attraction, where the vibratory forces of all three orders are held in sympathetic coincidence or harmonized motion; that is, balanced activity, entailing temporary suspension of propulsive radiating

berbing their equation. Every mass
 consists, therefore, of vibrations in har-
 monic equilibrium, related in propor-
 tions of thirds and consequently in har-
 monic relation or sympathy to every
 other mass or motion.
 This sympathy may be increased or
 decreased by resonance, that is, by har-
 monic vibrations, which bring out in
 acoustics, what the microscope reveals
 in vision. If the harmonic balance of
 the centers of force held in equi-
 librium in the neutrons of the aggre-
 gated mass, is disturbed, then the latent
 energy existing in the neutrons is re-
 leased. This is the foundation of
 cell's discovery.

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...wire made in these three metals
...transmits concordant impulses in those
...proportions. The interaction of the
...dominant and enharmonic elements of the
...triple flow of the current gives rise to
...tation.

Science asserts that molecular aggre-
...ation is attended with dissipation of
...energy. But Keely shows that mole-
...cular aggregation is attended with the
...absorption of energy and that incalcul-
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of which the electric and magnetic
the prime mover and regulator. Molec-
lar differentiation is the dragon
that wrecks the physical world, using
as seat of the cerebral forces as its
intermediate transmitter. The system
equating molecular differentiation is
St. George that will conquer.

The luminiferous ether is the one sub-
stance of which everything is composed.
It is the great preponderant, protoplasmic
element like itself. It is essential
and force, an inter-etheric element.
The substance of the brain is molec-
ular, while the mind that permeates
the brain is inter-etheric. The brain is
a resonating receptacle, where, the

...sends its currents along our nerves.
The action of the celestial mind-flow
induces the motion of the molecules
of all vegetable and mineral forms of
nature. It is the controlling medium of
the Universe. All forces in Nature are
etheric-forces-magnetic, electric, gal-
vanic, acoustic, solar, polar-terrestrial:
they are governed by triune streams of
cosmic affinity, as also the molecular
and intermolecular, the atomic and in-
atomic. These are all modifications
of the One force, and all are composed
of positive and negative, carrying positive and
negative relation, repulsive and at-
tractive outreach. The positive vibra-
tion is the etheric, the negative is the

It will be noticed that Keely's system presents many analogies with the teachings of occult schools. The Universe, both etheric and material, is constituted of one element, comprising mind, substance and force. This element exists in six different modes (decees; states; planes) with interconnecting links. The etheric permeates and controls the grosser. The mutual interaction of the implicit positive and negative forces produce rotation or vortulation, entailing individuation; while the inherent negative attraction tends to focalization or materialization. The

litical states. Yet he has been able to deal with the force pertaining to meric states and which is only cognizable in its effects, induced in lower orders. This would imply that he had intuitively grasped a law pertaining to a plane of effects, and consequently in unison with the cause thereof, which is its prir field in domains transcend- human perception, whether be called spiritual, psychical, or QUAESTOR VITAE.

WORLD BY PEARL BRYAN'S SPIRIT.

Confession of the Murderers Recalls a
 Scence Held Last March

the spirit said she had passed away like death, and those who were around her thought she was a strange doctor, but with him were Walling and Jackson. They drew her like when she went into this like like stupor. She could understand and see everything, but could not move. At last, in order to remove traces, they cut off her head. The spirit said she suffered agony that could not be described. She felt knife applied and also felt the rush of blood to her neck, and then the spirit of a dead sister came to her and took her spirit away. She says the head is wrapped up and the spirit lost

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