

Original Poetry.

Written for the Religio-Philosophical Journal. TO MY OLD WIFE.

BY H. WINCHESTER.

I love my old wife, Though wrinkled and old, Far more than earth's treasures...

A REVIEW.

To Mrs. Emma Harding Brittan.

DEAR SISTER:—I have seen your article recently published in the BANNER of LIGHT...

Spiritualists are very much like other people; and the few who have so ungraciously intruded their questions...

Except then, in a civil or legal sense, the English law of marriage does not protect you; and if I understand you aright...

As an advocate of Spiritualism, I deny that our people are fond of "reputing" any law "founded upon right, good order, God and Nature"...

Why, think you the Spiritualists of this country would have "harassed you with law-suits," "ever since we have been here"...

What beautiful morality this, which stares us in the face from all the high courts of Christendom! Add to this the greed of speculation...

constituted authorities." And ceremonies sanctioned by us do not "endanger the good name of those who participate in them."

I am not willing such charges should cut to the world on the score of a personal grievance, and, therefore, have felt moved to reply to your position. I must believe that those words were uttered without consideration of their use...

Again, while we profess a spirit of almost unlimited toleration toward the rights of private judgment; we may still regard it as a healthy token when the advocates thereof attempt to throw off the dogmatic claims of any aggressive power seeking the subordination of the reason.

If Brigham Young attends our meetings, he is a Mormon still. If John Noyes attends, he is still the high priest of the Oneida Community; and if Father Heccker goes over the land...

Spiritualism is not so much despised in this country as many imagine, and if it were, who has made more of its converts than our sister Emma? Truly, M. J. WILCOXSON.

"Science of Evil."

Well, Evil is at last reduced to its proper rank among the sciences. No problem has presented itself...

Some of our newly crystallized Evangelicals (vide the Oneida theologians) have been compelled to accept the wretched and absurd conclusion that evil is an absolute cause...

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CHICAGO, JUNE 3, 1871.

A SEARCH AFTER GOD.

NUMBER XL. The first World—A Retrospective View—Improvements in Different Planets—Who made the First Engine or Telegraph?

You ask the orthodox divine in reference to the first man or the first world, and he will unhesitatingly answer you, "This earth was the first habitable globe made by God, and Adam was the first man."

It is easy to perplex any philosopher with queries, embarrass him with suggestions, and throw obstacles in his way that he finds it quite impossible to surmount. It is generally the case, that the younger and more ardent the mind, the more puzzling the suggestions, and the more difficult the questions propounded for solution.

Since we commenced discussing this intricate God question, from all sides interrogatories have come pouring in, and we have been intensely interested in studying them, and obtaining from the influence that accompanies the letters, the character of the inquisitive writers.

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A RETROSPECTIVE VIEW. We go back in the misty past, millions and millions of ages, until the mind is lost, as it were, in the contemplation of the number of years, and still we see worlds revolving on their axis and inhabited by intelligent beings, and we find the same grand achievements then as now.

The magnetic telegraph, the steam-boat, all the vast and complicated machinery of earth, has always had an existence on some of the older planets. The engine, railroad,—in fact, all improvements that have a place on the surface of this earth, have acted out as important a mission on numberless other worlds.

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Joseph Potts and his two sons, William and Andrew.

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the nature of the process they are compelled to use; and the time is not far distant when more wonderful developments will be brought forth, and in a manner that can be made more public.

The mediumship of Andrews is quite different. He is controlled in a mysterious manner by the spirit Patrick, who frequently entrances him, and performs some remarkable feats. The phase of manifestations through him are peculiar indeed, and truthfully exhibit his own nature, for the spirits must work in accordance with the natural tendency of the elements they use.

One time Patrick took him to a mud-hole, and he dug therefrom thirty-five dollars. To convince a neighbor of the truthfulness of spirit control, he went on to his farm, and in various places requested him to dig, and in each instance the article was found as predicted.

It would require a large volume to give in detail all the remarkable incidents connected with his mediumship. He once found a lead jar in a tree, containing "continental money." Seizing a hammer and chisel on one occasion, he went to a rock two or three miles from town, and in the presence of several witnesses, dug into it several inches, taking therefrom a human tooth.

These are strange manifestations on the part of the Spirit World, yet admirably adapted for a specific purpose, for they cannot fail to convince skeptics that supernatural influences are engaged in the work.

Our city continues to be favored with physical manifestations of spirit power, of an astounding character. Mr. Willis continues to take likenesses of spirit friends of all who give him an opportunity. His terms are five dollars, if a spirit picture is obtained—nothing if not.

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ception rooms, gave the numerous spirit paintings and likenesses belonging to this Furniture House a careful and critical examination. Quite a number of other strangers have called during the great Baptist gathering in this city. We feel confident that many of them, and this gentleman in particular, will go home the wiser and happier for the knowledge gained in regard to the truth of Spiritualism.

We would not omit also to state, that the same clergyman attended one of Charles H. Read's seances, at Mrs. A. H. Robinson's residence, 149 Fourth Avenue, where he had a most ample opportunity to witness the remarkable feats performed by spirits through that remarkable medium, one of which we will describe, as it was repeated several times for the special benefit of the Baptist clergyman.

He held Read fast, so that he could not stir without his knowing it. While holding him with one hand fast to his shoulders or his coat, the light was extinguished but for a moment, when Read's coat was removed,—thrown clear from him. This most remarkable manifestation being so extraordinary, the minister requested it repeated—it was done several times, together with many other equally strange things.

Arrived in the city a few days ago, and is creating great interest among Spiritualists on account of the wonderful manifestations given through his mediumship. The spirits managing his seances seem to have perfect control of the forces required, and operate with them in a manner that can not fall to open the eyes of the skeptic. We had the pleasure of attending one of his seances, and the exhibition of spirit power was truly remarkable.

No sooner was Mr. Read thoroughly tied by this skeptical committee, and the room darkened, than he almost instantly ordered a light, revealing a chair suspended on his arm. This was so quickly done that it startled all present. Again the room was darkened, and ten seconds had not elapsed before his coat was taken from him. It might be well to state that the committee had securely tied his hands together, also secured him to the chair, rendering it impossible for him to move.

The manifestations given were of the most convincing character, and all left the seance well satisfied that Mr. Read is really a most wonderful medium. Indeed, what a shower of manifestations at the present time! Spirits now write with their own hands, give the likenesses of loved ones in spirit life without the aid of any material except a white sheet of paper,—painting scenes in spirit life on panes of glass, and are developing new mediums in all parts of the country, with various phases of manifestations.

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Who? Certain names on our mail list, with figures which indicate 1870, 1889, 1868, etc, etc. We are really anxious to renew our correspondence with them! Will all such take notice, and write us first? We will reply promptly. See the little yellow monitor—a tell-tale that sometimes causes the JOURNAL to be hid away from neighbors, when it should be read by them!

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Frontier Department.

BY E. V. WILSON. Extraordinary Manifestations. To our readers: This week we present you number one of a series of communications, written with spirit hands, in the dark, in the presence of several witnesses, many of whom were skeptical and unbelievers.

The conditions under which these communications were given, are as follows: First, a slate or marked sheet of paper, with marked pencil, are placed on a table in a lighted room. Second, the circle comes together around the table, and frequently at some distance from the table. Third, the lights are extinguished, when the writings commence.

Proof that the writing is not executed by human hands: First, the hand is a luminous one, seen by the spectators as well as the medium, and commencing on by all present. Second, the ruled lines are followed exactly, the 'i's' dotted, the 't's' crossed, the writing compact and well executed.

Number One. On the 10th of January, 1871, at a special circle at the residence of J. Koons, I submitted the following question to the presiding spirit of our circle: Will you favor us with a few remarks relating to the doctrine of the Bible, and of the Bible God, as it reaches us? (J. Koons.)

Answer.—There are Bibles many, and Bible Gods many, whose devotees claim to be the superlative and absolute. All of these Bibles, and all of these Gods, who should have written their infallible guide books of wonders, containing a diversity of standard rules for the strict observance of mankind, which conflict materially in their mandates, their ethics and their philosophies.

These gods were personal, and subject to the ruling elements of man. Who is God, the All-pervading, so as to address the carnal senses of man with His Omnipotent majesty? Answer.—God is that all-pervading, imponderable, vital element with its incessant oscillations, centrifugal and centripetal, and its centrifugal circumference, atomized kingdoms of ponderable, ponderous, sub-fluid essences, spirit fluids and atomical formations of physical compounds, all acting reciprocally with due regard to each other's positive and negative forces.

It is in the internal bosom of the invisible God, occupant of space infinitum, where conditions are offered for the procreation and the generation of magnetic nebulo-wombs of ponderable elements, for the generation of centripetal and centrifugal extremes, and points of gravity for the diverse embodiments of dematerialized of imponderable substances into material formations, as we now behold them through infinitude, with their spirally developed and undeveloped embodiments, in their various characters and colorings, beginning its first visible manifestations in physical formations and animal life in the fact, molten and polymeric genera, resulting into diverse species of fish, reptiles, birds and mammals, until the consecutive compound proceeds of the essential elements arising from the diversity of consecutive formations arising from these chemical laboratories, resolve their living—their spiritual and immortal essence, into the crowning summit of physical life, in the image of man, whose immortal spirits are the godly and personal representatives of the imponderable and invisible gods of material forms, who are embraced in the term, "Eloi," or the Bible gods of modern days.

In consequence of the many torturing complications, corrections, expulsions and interpolations of human doctrines and political Bible speculations of knaves and fools, the Christian Bible is at present an incomprehensible bundle of facts and actions, and unworthy of the name and the authors of its line of inspired lawgivers.

nalled to the cross, in more ecstatic in its enjoyment, under the support of bread and water, than the luxuries of an emperor's banquet, or the golden diadem of a ruling pontiff, with all their glittering and illustrious tokens of mundane power or super-imperial state.

(A cross was attached to this, on which was written the word "Christ.") Thos. Paine, Secretary. If the circle please, we do not importune you,—but desire you to put your signatures to this writing, in token that it is not a mortal production. King 1st and 2nd Pres.

Thos. Paine, Secretary. This closes our written ministry at our present advent. Certified by the circle as follows: It seems impossible that the above could have been written by any one of the company. S. D. Goodale.

We feel positive that it is not mortal production. Andrew Fraser, F. Wells, W. W. Wells, Lolla Goodale, N. W. Koons, D. C. Goodale, G. E. Koons, Althea Goodale.

E. V. Wilson's Appointments for June and July, 1871.

The four Saturdays and Sundays of June, in Fort Scott, Kansas. The 1st and 2nd, Thursday and Friday, at Gardner, Kansas. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, at La Oyrge, Kansas, four lectures, June 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th.

The Hollow Globe. We have read a portion of the book recently published at this office, entitled "The Hollow Globe; or, the World's Agitator and Reconciler," and not only find it to be a work of absorbing interest, but one that is appropriately named, and will doubtless produce an agitation of thought upon a variety of subjects of great interest to the modern thinker—subjects which have been overshadowed by a cloud of darkness, and only guessed at by scientific men and philosophers.

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In order that they may do so, and to bring the book, as far as practicable, within the reach of all, we have been enabled to reduce the price to two dollars.

Decatur Convention—Attention. The Illinois Central Railroad has agreed to return all attending the Convention on June 2nd, 3rd and 4th, for one fifth the regular fare. Passengers or delegates to the Convention are to pay full fare thereon, and on application to the Decatur Committee, certificates will be furnished for this reduced rate of return.

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DELINQUENTS.

The following named persons owe for this paper. They have either removed from the town or post office where they formerly took the Journal, without requesting the address to be changed, and paying arrears; or they have requested some pious postmaster to notify us that the paper was not called for, thinking thus to evade payment. Such of these as remain unpaid four weeks, without reasonable explanation, will be placed in the Black List.

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