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From the Medium and Daybreak. SPIRITUALISM IN ENGLAND.

Emma Hardinge—Artemus Ward—The Spirit Messenger, etc.

- Oh, the spacious, grand plantation, Over there! Shining like a constellation, Over there!

at all times perceive truths in the abstract, and hence personalities are adopted to shadow them forth. The ambition of priests has turned these symbols to the personal advantage of their order...

MESSES. HERNE AND WILLIAMS' SEANCES AT 15 SOUTHAMPTON ROW. Much has been said against dark seances, and properly too, for when the phenomena are of such a trivial character...

life, that they may know how to conduct themselves on earth so as to take a high place in spirit-life. Has the missionary the necessary knowledge to perform such duty?

After answering a number of other questions, the "Strolling Player" controlled, and discoursed in a humorous manner in reply to questions on the devil, redemption, disinfecting clothes by burning them, etc.

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A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPIRIT-WORLD Through the hand of Tyson Hagen, from his Mother, on her passage from the Earth Life to the Spirit-land.

"The sensation was one of sweet repose. On opening my eyes, I found, to my utmost astonishment, that I was still as when in my body; for though I missed the outward covering I had for so many years been carrying, I was sensible some wonderful change must have passed over me, for which I was quite unable to account."

MEDIUM.

Q. What is the nature of the lights seen at spirit-circles—are they real objects, or are they only subjective in the mind of the seer? A. These lights are real objects, and are caused by the essences of certain elements being extracted and mixed so as to produce a peculiar combustion...

our own narrow creeds, so now we meet with a vision cleared of its dimness by the rays of truth which are beaming on our path. Rest then assured, my friend, that you are still yourself, and such a one as I knew on the earth. Wait a while, and when quite sensible of your existence as an individual entity, it will be given you to see something of the work you are called upon to perform.

In reply to the question, "Was anything ever created?" "Yes, No." "To mortal eyes creation appears always at work; for not seeing the cause, the effects appear as though brought into existence out of nothing, which is the only sense in which creation can be said to be; but as the mind of man becomes expanded and developed, causes beyond causes keep rising upon his wonderful sight, till he begins to feel that creation is but one vast drama of life, without beginning or ending; that it is but the eternal manifestation of spirit, which by chemical action of its own innate affinities produce what we call matter."

SPIRIT-VOICES IN NOTTINGHAM.

For many years Spiritualism has been to my mind a great and important fact. Its revelations, in some cases apparently trivial and childish, have, nevertheless, always underlying them the great truth that man lives after he has passed through the change that the world calls death, and that from a lofty and blessed state upon which he then enters he can survey the doings of his fellow-men still in the flesh, and hold converse with those loved ones he has left behind. The great value of this truth I have been enabled recently to realize to an extent that I never knew before.

On May 31st I went to Nottingham, where the mortal remains of my dear wife repose in the cold and silent tomb. Having heard and seen much of spiritual manifestation in London more particularly the spirit-voices, I was curious to learn whether these same phenomena could be obtained elsewhere, and therefore determined to put the matter to the test.

On the following evening we sat again, the same persons being present. One of the ladies expressed a wish for some flowers, and the desire was immediately complied with by artificial flowers being brought from the adjoining room. Pebble-stones were also thrown upon the table, evidently obtained from the street, and natural flowers were also brought by spirit-power.

On the third evening we met for another seance, and there joined our circle Mr. S. P. and Mrs. W., both skeptics as regards Spiritualism. The rest of the persons were the same with the exception of Miss N., who was absent. On this occasion I entrained the medium, and at once received a communication from a spirit who had frequently spoken through him before, and who had always been known to me by the name "Humanitas." I asked this spirit to kindly give place to my wife if she were present, and he did so. I now received several important communications from my dear wife in the spirit-land, the following amongst the rest, addressed to my eldest daughter, which may not prove uninteresting.

"Ada, dear, there is much in sleep that remembers death. There are in your body two classes of nerves. One of these nerves during sleep—when you are asleep—dies, and never returns. But the power to which these nerves are the only means of action upon the material body—that power never dies, and when it is set free from the prison of flesh, it requires no rest, but it can and does watch over the forms of the dear ones in sleep on earth. Then, in sleep your spirit is half free—one of the links that bind it is not in action, therefore you will understand how nearer the spirit that is freed from both links can become united to that spirit which is partially free. Thus, dear Ada, I can approach you more closely during sleep than I can during waking hours, and I know you like me to be with you. Then show your love for me by wishing for me each night before you sleep, and the thought shall bring me to you."

The medium being restored to his normal condition, we again formed the dark circle, fastened the door, and laid the tubes upon the table. We commenced with singing. Flowers were brought and thrown upon the table; pebble-stones were dropped about the room, and pens and various other articles placed in the hands of those were present. Very powerful lights were seen by all, and a faint voice was distinctly heard. At my suggestion the tubes were magnetized by making passes down them, and this done we retained them in our hands. Raps now took place upon the tubes as we held them, and the voices were distinctly heard through them. Levi R. flung kept up a continued conversation for about two hours, and my wife for more than an hour. In her case the conversation was regular, flowing, and methodical as ever she had spoken whilst in the flesh. She answered my questions with clearness and precision, and stated her own views with the same calmness and deliberation that had been so characteristic of her in this state; her voice, though only in a whisper, was distinctly heard by all present. Those who had been skeptical when they entered the circle left firm believers in the grand truths of Spiritualism—truths which are every day breaking down the opposition of darkness and error, and tending to shed a luminous halo over society such as the world has seldom witnessed.—I am, my dear Sir, yours most truly, HARRY SMITH, 24 Windsor Road, Ealing, near London.

SPIRITS' VIEW OF RECENT EVENTS IN PARIS.

The following communication given through Mrs. Tebb will interest our readers:—France could never have risen to any degree of spiritual life until she had been purged by fire. Camille, Dammurillus, Danton, and the hosts whom they represent, had favored their influence upon France, and would have continued to do so while the Tuilleries and Palais Royal remained. When the revolution of 1793 sent these spirits forth (as it supposed) it only placed them in conditions under which they could in an increasing degree work their will upon the nation. The violence they have accomplished seems to be an unmixd evil, but it is not so, for the sins which have materially and spiritually built up the places they have destroyed, could only be purged by fire. The Revolution is now avenged, the connecting link between the Revolutionists of 1789 and their countrymen of to-day is destroyed, and they can no longer cast their spell of evil over the nation. If those in authority who are seeking to quell this uprising could be influenced (and if they cannot) they should be besought to show clemency towards those misguided, but still guided men who have brought this ruin upon Paris. M. E. B. T.

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A delightful May morning this, as we sit down to pen this number of the Search.

Two hundred churches consecrated to the God of Moses lift their tall spires heavenward.

What a city! What a mixture of the devil and the divine, the diabolical and the angelical.

In our previous communication, we gave a brief history of our spirit guide.

Where next in his investigation? To the Spiritual Congress. There, oh, how grand the scene!

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disaster constantly greeted the Union army; when, however, the Emancipation Proclamation was issued, there was one continual series of successes.

This Spiritual Congress is the acknowledged guardian circle of our nation, and through its instrumentality, it is being gradually led from one condition to another.

IN THE PROGRESS, THEN, OF OUR GOVERNMENT, our guide recognized the guardian circle of this circle of spirits.

IN THE SPIRIT WORLD, batteries are formed by circles of spirits, to control the emotions, the feelings, the aspirations of individuals.

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still another reason why he should suffer punishment of so vast a nature. WHO IS THE CONTROLLER?

But if this position be correct, you may ask: Who is the controller of the universe of worlds?

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ROSIUCRUCIAN MUSINGS.

By F. M. Dowd.

Well! how do you prosper? and how does the world use you? I asked not long ago, as I shook hands with one of the leaders of radicalism...

Suppose that he made the first engine on every other planet. In every case a world is first brought into existence through the operation of nature's laws...

But there is a great difference between the making of a world and the making of an engine. One is the work of infinite intelligence...

So, we perceive in the light of nature that the question, "Who made the first world?" or "the first man?" or "the first flower?" are equivalent to the question, "Who made God?"...

But Brother Francis presumes that new worlds are continually appearing in the heavens to take their place along with the already innumerable hosts that move in order and harmony...

REMARKS.—The Brother does not understand us. We believe that there never was a commencement of time, or a period when there did not exist worlds and systems of worlds.

By your leave (taken before granted) I will give a brief account of spirit progress in this place, Alliance, Ohio. Some three years since, when I removed to this village from Cleveland...

On the evening of the 24th ult., with a few others, I was invited to the home of Brother Henry Barnes, where a séance was to be given by his son, William, if being only his sixth sitting...

The light was again removed and the manifestations of spirit power were indeed wonderful; bells were rung, the guitar and drum were played upon while floating around the room...

At some future time I will give you an account of other manifestations in his and other families in this place, and also of the rough treatment some of us are having at the hands of the followers of the "meek and lowly Jesus."

Such conduct is but the legitimate results of the orthodox religion. This man may go on and ruin scores of women, and send them to a premature grave, if not to an endless orthodox hell...

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