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A SEARCH AFTER GOD.

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God or no God?—If God has Attributes like Man, why not Work like Him?—Immortal Law—Law Mixed with Omnipotence, a Patent Nostrum—Reasonable Conclusions in Regard to Matter and God—The Law of Affinity—Re-absorption—Power of Man—The Spirit's Benediction.

It is now time that we commenced gradually summing up this grand question, and bringing our ideas to a focus. In our long and somewhat tedious search, we have unveiled many facts in connection with the Divine Architect of the Universe heretofore unknown, and given a new impetus to thought among the people. Not aspiring to leadership, not wishing to be deemed dogmatic in the assertions we have made in reference to Deity, we have quietly pursued the even tenor of our way, presenting the ideas as given us from time to time, and we verily believe that the world has been made better thereby.

But now, then, reader, listen! Would we deprive the world of a God! You would chide us for being so iconoclastic, and point to the millions who are suffering all the agonies of a horrible life! We would not blame you. But a God who possesses the attributes that you claim, and having eternally existed, is very slow to introduce reformatory measures among his people, and if such a character does exist, it is very doubtful in our mind whether he should be worshiped or not.

On all sides is sorrow—the widow's cry and orphan's moans constantly greet us, and in suffering, especially, the attention is always turned heavenward. On the mountain waves—in that ship, tossed to and fro, there is the stalwart, iron-hearted captain and crew on their knees praying. What a horrible night! How black the skies! What thunders in the heavens! Glance at the chain-lightning,—at the moving, threatening clouds! What avails their prayers? The winds in mockery still blow! The waves, to deride them, still roll!

Oh, the voice comes that I am an atheistical spirit. A barrister at law on earth, and a devout Catholic, I went to spirit life, expecting to realize the teachings of those whose wisdom I revered. On all sides the Spirit World displayed its grandeur; new scenes greeted my vision; my mind became grandly illuminated, and I resolved to solve this question which I have been critically examining for over a year in this journal. Now, devoted to humanity, with a heart that beats in warm sympathy for the afflicted of all classes, I see none but spirits interested in their welfare.

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Intolerance Worse than Know Nothingism. Know Nothingism in its day was calmly rejected by the people on account of its intolerant spirit and its subversion of the fundamental principles of our institutions. In its strenuous efforts to ostracize foreigners, it met with signal defeat, and to-day, no such party has an existence; yet it has broken out in a worse form in New York City, and exhibits a malignant character heretofore unknown.

There is suffering on earth—heart-rending, cruel. The philanthropist, the kind, generous, and true of all classes have witnessed it with sorrow, but all conspire to make it. The wealthy must buy their goods cheap. The merchant in order to get them so, must extract the life blood from the poor sewing woman.

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Not Unlike the Packard Case. Many of our readers remember our report some five years ago of the facts of the Rev. Packard's imprisonment of his wife as a lunatic, under the iniquitous laws of this State.

The "Holy Ghost." The National Camp Meeting at Urbana, seems to have exalted one poor sinner to an extraordinary height. A letter without stamp and held for postage at the Columbia office, is addressed to "Wm. P. Tomlinson the Lord's anointed Just from Camp of the Holy Ghost and power to save."

Spirit Power in Healing the Sick. On the 30th of July last, Thomas Snape, of Sacramento, California, wrote to Mrs. A. H. Robinson (the celebrated medium, who treats the sick while she is under spirit control, in all parts of the world, by letter), requesting treatment of his mother for a severe case of sickness.

Widow's and Orphan's Fund. Sister L. S. Bowers, of Franktown, Nevada, donates \$150 to the above-named fund, for which, in behalf of those who will receive the benefit, we tender our friend thanks.

Another Church 'Round the Corner. Valparaiso, Indiana, seems to be making an effort to outdo New York in the production of dirty, mean things. The following, taken from the Messenger, says:

Why did the Messenger withhold the name of this divine? Did it so respect his feelings, fearing to wound them, that it screened from the public gaze and subsequent execration a name that should sink as deep in ignominy as that of the Rev. Mr. Sabine of New York City, who refused to officiate at the funeral of George Holland because he was a theatrical performer?

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How the ministers are disposed to fall into the line, is illustrated by the following closing remarks of a sermon, which, with a poem, we think worthy of a place in the JOURNAL, was preached a few weeks ago in this city:

Our Christian friends departed here only crossed the river. They wait us on the other side. Let us be thankful still. And what sweet words are these, how true we feel they are, — as the dying cry and the desolate mother thus touchingly plead and part:

"Yes, mother, I loved in the sunshine to play, And talk with the birds and the blossoms all day; But sweetest, be very kind, and never mind, And brighten the daisy round God in the sky. I see them, I hear them, they pull at my heart; My mother, my mother, oh, let me depart!"

"Oh, do not desert us! Our hearts will be dear, Our dear home so lonely when you are not here; Your father will sigh and his eyes will be dry, I wonder what mother so long can delay. Three feet like the wild winds, that blance like a star, Oh, what will this world be when they are far?"

"My mother, my mother, oh, let me depart! Your tears and your prayers are awards to my heart; I hear gentle voice that chide me no day; I see lovely visions that woo me no way. My prison is broken, my trials are o'er! O mother, my mother, detain me no more!"

"Well, go, my beloved! The conflict is o'er! My plea are all self-life, I urge them no more; Why chide your bright spirit down here to a dead, So chiding for freedom and God too low a day. I see lovely visions that woo me no way. My prison is broken, my trials are o'er! O mother, my mother, detain me no more!"

"Oh, glory in glory! what must I fight! What wonders break in on my heart, on my sight! I come, blessed spirits! I hear you from high! O hail, halcyon nature, can this be to die? O dear, what so near to me, where? Oh, help me, ye angels, his glories to sing!"

That which is a pillar of fire by night to the humble seaker after truth, may be only a pillar of cloud to him who lives in the day of his own self-conceit.

Gems of beauty lie all along life's path way. The good we have done will be remembered by others, the evil by ourselves.

The consciousness of continued life is an ever present feeling with the soul. The doubts in regard to this exist only upon the superficial plane of humanity.

"To be" is the question, "not to be" never! Spiritualism is constantly erecting light houses along the shores of time and in its channels, in order to enable man to steer his bark safely through these and out into the gold ocean of eternity. M. M. JONES.

Obituary.

One home to dwell with the angels, from his residence in Pine Island, Minnesota, on the 25th of August, 1871, John Harper, aged 74 years and 4 months.

Passed across the silent river, June 20th, 1871, Mrs. Mary Temple, wife of David A. Temple, aged 31 years. She was a kind, jovial wife and a devoted mother.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

Iowa State Association of Spiritualists. This Association will hold its Third Annual Convention at Iowa Falls, Hardin Co., Iowa, commencing Friday, Oct. 6th, at 10 A. M., and continue three days.

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INDIANA. Goshen, Vincennes House, Sept. 29th. Elkhart, Oct. 1st and 2d. South Bend, Wright House, Oct. 3d and 4th. Elkhart, T. Garden House, Oct. 5th.

ILLINOIS. Chicago, Harrison House, Oct. 6th, 7th and 8th. Elgin, Oct. 13th, 14th and 15th. Rockford, Holland House, Oct. 13th and 14th. Joliet, National Hotel, Oct. 17th and 18th. Bloomington, St. Nicholas Hotel, Oct. 19th and 20th.

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