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NOTES, ROMANCE AND GENERAL REFORM

Truth wears no mask, bows at no human shrine, seeks neither place nor applause: she only asks a hearing.

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LUCILLE OF PARADISE

From the calm depths of heaven / Her soul was like the silver light, / Which she was summoned to float.

Let us make them a home where they can be restored to society; being virtuous and industrious they will be less new to others.

Is God ever Frustrated?

The Christian at work, a strictly evangelic paper, published in New York, devotedly inquires: "Is God ever frustrated?"

Cost and Benefit of the Clergy.

Michelet in his history of France (vol. 1, p. 304, note), estimates the revenue of the Church of England at \$47,397,825, and of the Christian clergy throughout the rest of the world \$44,000,000.

SATAN EXALTED.

"Wherefore, O Holy One and Just, is the Horn of Thy Foul Foe so high Exalted?"

FLOODWOOD.

The Electric Motor—A New Christ—Choosing a Father—Physical Manifestations—Sundry Absurd Schemes of Visionary Agitators.

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CONGRATULATIONS.

I hear by the way, that spirits continue to come and talk to their friends at both light and dark circles, in some all forms, with great exposure of the hole in the girls' stocking in Indiana, by Finney; or the medium playing the instrument at the fair in New York.

BY HUDSON TUTTLE.

There was a time when books were rare, and it was not until the invention of the printing press in existence. The reading of the morning paper, and retirement of commended books, and the smoothness of saying it.

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They walk and talk in a somnambulant sleep, dead to the procession of passing events. All eyes are turned to the past, blind to the present, and the body of the clergy of the world are the most benighted class.

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MODERN SPIRITUALISM.

An Interview With Dr. Napoleon Bonaparte Wallace.

[From the "Universal Inquirer"]

Mrs. Hill's belief in her house for a considerable period... I have seen the spirit's hands writing on a slate placed upon a table by Mrs. Hill...

that she is a Spirit-writer, and that it is possible to communicate with those who have gone there before us... I have observed many such soundings in my book, as you may have observed.

No, sir, I have never been anything but a sincere investigator... I have observed many such soundings in my book, as you may have observed.

Faith.

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"Less dreary seems the untired way... Since thou hast left thy footsteps there."

If Dr. Hunt had been more than human, but he would have been more than human, but he would have been more than human...

TESTIMONIALS.

Mrs. A. H. Robinson's Tobacco Antidote.

One box of Mrs. A. H. Robinson's Tobacco Antidote cured me from the use of tobacco, and I heartily recommend it to all who are afflicted with the same...

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Boaz, etc., on the Social Question, will be published in this department, if deemed worthy, and in the order received from contributors.

A Voice from Michigan.

Bro. Jones—Since I wrote you the private note, I have received numerous letters from eminent public lecturers, congratulating me on the position I had taken in regard to the Woodhullism.

In my opinion the worst feature of their practice and teachings is that which they of course hide from the public—murder of their children, abortion, and infanticide.

Outside of one's own family this free last question is not only a sin, but a crime. Spiritualism claims that the mind continues to live after the death of the body, and materialists claim that the mind ceases to exist with the body.

Those who believe that angels "shed tears," because people possessing reason and common sense, denouncing their preaching and practice for prostitution for a business, are welcome to believe it; but if they do, how many barrels of tears ought they to shed at the teaching of the old "Eim Peeters," who practice free love.

Spiritualists should steer clear of creeds, and science, and the laws of the harness and parasites that attempt to fasten upon it, and give one vigorous shake, and set the free man free.

Let the Materialists of Europe and America attack the phenomena of Spiritualism, if it is a matter of so little consequence, they will find those who will accommodate them, and they will not have long to roam.

We believe that Michigan City will in a reasonable time have a free hall for lecturers who preach doctrine of materialism, reason, science, and common sense.

If Jesus of Nazareth was right in going into the temple, and driving the money-changers out of the temple, and cursing the Pharisees, and in getting mad at his "friends" and relations, for not believing his Spiritualism, and for not believing in the Queen of the Rostrom, in the West.

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The following excerpts give a fair sample of the facts, and the press comments, which attend and follow the "Queen of the Rostrom," in the West.

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hatched doctrines will be consigned to the tomb of infamy, never to be resurrected. Their Halls are rotten, and their crafts must founder in the cesspools of slime and corruption.

Your good paper is becoming more popular and more generally read here in this community. Men of investigating minds, as well as means, are inquiring of us, "What does the Journal teach?" We answer, "Read and see for yourselves!" hence the list sent you by this letter, and we can safely promise you more.

Los Angeles, Cal. DR. FRANKLIN GARDEN OF EDEN.

Old Sambo to his hearers said, That God who dwells on high, Set man he made of mud so red Against the fence to dry.

But who built the fence he never told, Before God gave man life, 'Tis strange as how one Cain of old Contrived to find a wife.

The Devil soon came strolling round, To see what God had done, And there a naked pair he found, Who nipped and nipped around.

Good morning, lovely pair, said he, Sure God has closed your eyes, But if you eat from yonder tree, God knows you'll be wise.

The Devil said, thy tree we dare not shake, We dare not God defy, For he has said, if you partake, 'Tis that you both shall die.

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Medium's Column.

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The Various Gods.

The "Old Clark street" Methodist Episcopal Church has become famous on account of the learned disquisitions of its gifted and eloquent pastor, the Rev. Dr. G. O. May.

The idea entertained by the ancients, exists to-day in a modified form, in the various churches. In place of numerous heads located on one body for a God, some denominations have three heads and three bodies—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, united in one dependent body and form.

The Bible God, however, the one who made Adam and Eve, is not a success. He was so obtuse that he could not find Adam and Eve when they had hid in the garden, and if when he raised his melodious voice, and called to them, they had remained silent.

Then there is another God of Pagan mythology, that has a thousand well-developed arms. It was perfectly natural that the ancients should form a conception of such a God, for they fully realized the fact that everything they accomplished was through the instrumentality of the arms, hence they formed a God with a thousand, entertaining the idea that he, of course, would be instrumental in giving decisive victories over their enemies.

The formation of such a God, endowed with superior military, energetic and bravery, showed a noble and intelligent endeavor on the part of those who worshipped him, far surpassing the various members of the other

dox Church, the most God just Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, and would never have been able to find them, had they remained silent.

In the early ages of the world the lowest conception of an object of worship, consisted of a stone, bunch of rags, a snake, or a rude image, the effect of which was to excite in the mind of the savages, for they were nothing else, awakened in their mind a desire for something higher, real, tangible, life-like.

The spring storm, the fierce cyclone, the belching volcano, and other destructive agents, they regarded as intensely evil, dangerous in character, and calculated to cause untold evil to the country, but in the genial sun, the silvery moon and twinkling stars they observed beneficent agents, hence they ignored their rocks, their snakes, their bunch of rags and elevated their worship somewhat, paying their devotion to the elements, those that seemed to them to be productive of good.

True, they have no sword and shield, no bow, no arrows, cross, or anything of the kind appended to them, and they are supposed to work unceasingly in all departments of nature—one, it is claimed, constructed this earth and the innumerable stars that shine so beautifully in the firmament; he glitens in the rainbow-tinted flower, sparkles in the crystal of the diamond, and in the music of the stream down the mountain side, and in all departments of life is exhibited in some peculiar manner.

What grandeur surrounds us! The sparkling sunbeams tell us of the mysterious sun, and the moon's pale face illuminates the nearest neighbor to our earth. The flower reveals to the hidden soul the grandeur and the glory of its cold embrace; the rainbow-tinted hues; the golden color catches vigorous life in plants, and sends a thrill of joy throughout all nature, and well may we ask, what produces all these results, as the wheels of creation move grandly on? Who can solve its nature, its quality or character of that which does all this?

The most casual observer will readily see that the course the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL has taken in exposing the absurdities that the Woodhull infamy is any part of the religious and metaphysical theories in public sentiment, and that the secular press, which always resorts to a great degree public opinion, is wheeling into line and demanding a thorough examination of the facts upon which our philosophy is based, instead of the superstitious sneers from self-righteous hypocrites and demagogues, which have heretofore occupied the space now filled with common-sense articles.

It is within the life of a generation that the Fox girls of Rochester, N. Y., gave the initiatory developments of what science has grown into a most wonderful and magnificent truth, the name of Spiritualism or Spiritism. This obscure beginning, although surrounded by ridicule and general ridicule, has expanded until it has become a phenomenon that has attracted universal attention, and secured an almost universal recognition.

There are, at least, two essential reasons—speaking from a philosophical standpoint—why the public mind has been so generally converted to the study of the human race nothing which attracts. What these repellent features are, would require a volume; but the chief of them is an everlasting phase of punishment has been prominent. The dissenting class have not felt that the materialistic idea of just and merciful God, and one which insists upon that same God as engaged in turning down into a hell, and the punishment of the creatures whom He created, and whose ultimate destiny must have been known to Him ages ago.

Nor have this class of people been able to understand the assured mercy of the atonement. They have declared their inability to understand anything of the mysteries, or to appreciate the assured good of God in forgiving the horrible murder of His own son in order to appease His fierce wrath against a creature who had sinned against Him. The work of works; as much so as the performance of a will, to give the results of the designs of His builders. The materialistic and the Orientalism in the forms of Christianity, and which require the constant abatement of the worshiper in the most severe, presumed atrocious, wrathful, jealous, ever ready to destroy, everlastingly destroying—this, they had it in mind to eliminate.

The second reason, or cause, that has given such impetus to the materialistic idea, is the aspirations of mankind for immortality. Those who enjoy this life, wish to live hereafter, and to enjoy the same happiness. Some of those who are wretched here, desire to live, they may, if possible, secure hereafter beyond the grave, and some who are wretched here, desire to live, they may, if possible, secure hereafter beyond the grave, and some who are wretched here, desire to live, they may, if possible, secure hereafter beyond the grave.

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PHONOGRAPHIC REPORT OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AT THE MEETING, FEBRUARY 1ST.

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Question.—What effect has Christianity on civilization? Answer.—Its effects in most cases has been most disastrous. On those who have accepted its tenets, its tendency has been to close their mind against new thoughts advanced by progressive souls.

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Question.—What is the condition of life in the spirit world? Answer.—The condition of life in the spirit world is one of perfect happiness and peace. The spirits of the dead are able to see and hear, and to communicate with those who are still on earth.

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