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CHICAGO, SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 1874.

Gross Conditions an Emanation of Nature.

How true it is that the human family advances in intellectual and moral progress, just in proportion as the physical condition of the earth becomes spiritualized or refined.

About the time of the crucifixion of Jesus, a terrible earthquake shook the entire earth. The Pan Piqueus devastated the world when dark crimes were committed on all sides.

When Christ was crucified, the world was not prepared to receive the exalted sentiments that he inculcated. True reformers are always in advance of the masses, and are an evidence that the physical condition of the earth is gradually improving.

That there has been races of giants no one doubts. They were a product of gross conditions—monstrosities, and only an outgrowth of the earth at a particular era.

To-day, then, we find that the human family in the aggregate, occupy just as high a position in the scale of progress, as the condition of our earth will allow, and as heat in the atmosphere causes the thermometer to rise, so there is a condition in the physical and spiritual elements around us that opens the avenue for the rise—advancement of the human family.

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The different races of people exist in perfect harmony with the diversified development of the globe. There is a mental progress, intellectual improvement, in the aggregate, of all humanity. The Cannibals of Patagonia are an outgrowth of nature's savage condition.

In the dim past, in the remote ages of the world, when human beings dwell in caves and lived off of the spontaneous productions of the earth, they were on a level with the gross elements of which they were the outgrowth.

Religious persecution is only one step in advance of cannibalism. Revivals in religion always have preceded religious persecution and wars, the same as the earthquake precedes the eruption of the volcano.

It needs, says a clear thinker, only to look back a single century, and even less, at the habits and ideas prevailing among those from whom ourselves are descended, to see that the world has passed through an appreciable space in an upward moral movement on the liquor question.

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It requires postage for two letters, when the letter and the money order both sent in one envelope, is much the better practice. We now have several money orders on hand, and no letters of instructions as to how the orders are to be appropriated, nor by whom they were sent, has yet come to hand.

About one person in fifty omits to give name or post office address. The state is much oftener omitted.

Common Sense.

The above is the name of a new weekly paper of liberal ideas, published at San Francisco, Cal. It is a sprightly sheet, and we welcome it to our exchange list.

"On the night of April 3rd, the family of T. B. Clark, of Oakland, was aroused soon after retiring, by the ringing of a bell. Mr. Clark went to the door, but could see no one. In a few minutes the bell rang again; and this time it occurred to him that it did not sound like the door bell.

Here now is an opportunity for the California Academy of Sciences to do a little practical work, which undeniably belongs especially to them to perform. It is to make a thorough scientific investigation of the facts so far as can be ascertained by the testimony of witnesses.

We rejoice to know that the scientific men of California, are not afraid to grasp this subject, and give it a thorough investigation. To investigate it, is equivalent to becoming a believer.

The Spiritualists of San Francisco are wide awake, and their public seances are well attended. In reference to them, Common Sense says:

"For several months past, there have been held at Charter Oak Hall, on Sunday afternoons, what is called Mediums' Conferences. The attendance is so large that in order to prevent disturbance by people going in and out, it has been found necessary to lock the door at 2 o'clock, the time set for the seances.

On Sunday, April 19th, (after a statement by Mrs. Foye that without harmony good demonstrations were impossible,) there was music on the piano, then a short pause, when Mrs. Kerns, a medium, gave a description of the spirit of a blind man, who was attracted there by his child, he said was in the audience.

Mrs. Hendee spoke briefly, of the progress of Spiritualism generally, and particularly of the large attendance at the Charter Oak Hall seances, many being unable to gain admittance. She also referred to a spiritual society in Sacramento, recently organized by Mr. York, and which is in a flourishing condition.

Another medium described the spirit of a man, whose head in life was partially bald; hair sandy; blue eyes, full figure, name given as William George Wilson. Not recognized. The spirit of Edward Morgan was next described by a medium, as about five feet eight inches in height, long face and black hair. The spirit appeared to be draped in royal purple.

Mrs. Kern said the spirit of a lady, who gave the name of Ra-mah, asked her (the medium) to speak to her husband. Mrs. K. said she did not know him. The spirit was recognized by a gentleman present, as that of his first wife.

Mrs. Foye described the spirit of Calvin S. Greenwood, recognized by Mrs. Kerns. "Old Betsy," the spirit of a small woman, gray and lame, presented herself, but was not recognized. An inspirational discourse was then given by one of the mediums, in which the people were told that the spirits are endeavoring to drive out of the minds of the people the dreadful idea that the blood of Christ can redeem from sin.

Rev. Winchester, who has been exhibiting the beautiful paintings of Anderson, the spirit artist, is in trouble. Common Sense says:

It is stated that the pictures composing the "Spirit Art Gallery" are in the hands of the Sheriff, an attachment having been levied on them by one of Mr. Winchester's creditors. The exhibition has not been a pecuniary success; but the result is owing mainly to the fact that the locality is too far from the business portion of the city.

of the Spiritualists of San Francisco, visited the gallery. People from the interior were the principal visitors; but comparatively few of this class found time to go there, however much they desired to see the pictures. It is to be hoped the attachment will soon be released, and that an arrangement may be made to bring the pictures into town, as they are, in reality, a very strange and interesting subject for study. Can not Spiritualists assist in the matter?

Thou Shalt Not Suffer a Witch to Live.

Such is claimed to be a divine command made to Moses. The most religious people demand obedience to the command. Prof. Patten would be expected to manifest his usual consistency, as a heresy hunter, by applauding Senor Castilla, Alcalde of Jacobs, Mexico, for his recent execution of witches.

It is but little over a century since men and women were executed for witchcraft in New England. The law against witchcraft in England was repealed in 1760; in Ireland, in 1831.

Such a law is now in full force in Mexico, and as appears from a late report from that very religious country where Catholicism reigns supreme, it is faithfully executed.

No heretical "Swings" are found there, to thwart the divine command, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live." Swing and spirit mediums would be adjudged equally deserving of burning, the former for heresy, the latter for witchcraft. Plenty of witnesses would be found to testify to the truthfulness of the charges preferred. The Alcalde, who occupies a similar position as governor of a Mexican Province to that which John Calvin occupied to Geneva in Switzerland, at the time of the burning of Michael Servetus, would look upon the torture of Swing while roasting before a slow fire, with as much complacency as did Calvin when poor Servetus was calling upon Christ, the "Son of the Eternal God," to save him.

Of religion, what enormities are committed in thy name! How very like are thy vindictive characteristics in different ages of the world!

The following is a brief notice of an execution in England in 1693, and another in Mexico in 1874; and both strictly in accordance with divine command.

Is it possible that civilization abrogates God's laws, or is it more probable that all forms of religion are outgrowth of man's ignorance, eventually to be superseded by the Philosophy of Life?

In 1693, a girl 19 years of age having eaten a leaf of sorrel, which she got from a reputed witch, fell into convulsions and vomited. She is said to have vomited needles, pins, feathers, an iron knife a span long, egg shells, etc. The accused was immediately committed to the county jail, and at the assizes held soon after, was hanged and burned! In 1723, at Dorchester, Southernland, an old woman was accused of being a witch. Her crime was, transforming her daughter into a pony, and getting her shod by the Devil, of which crime she was found guilty, and burned.

Orry of Mexico, May 18th, via HAVANA.—Senor Castilla, Alcalde of Jacobs, in the State of Sinaloa, has officially reported to the Prefect of his district, that on April 4th he arrested, tried, and burned alive, Jose Maria Bonilla and his wife Diega, for sorcery, it having been proven that they had bewitched one Silvestre Gacarias. The day before the execution, Citizen Porras as a final test, made Zacarias take three swallows of blessed water, whereupon the latter vomited fragments of blanket and bunches of hair. The Alcalde states that the people were exasperated against sorcerers, and demanded that they be burned, and the sentence was executed with his approval. He adds that he has his eye on other sorcerers against whom complaint has been made by the citizens.

The Official Diario, of this city, confirms the report of the outrage, and says that several families in town have since compelled the officer to burn another old woman and her son for the same cause. The General Government has asked the authorities of Sinaloa to send a detailed report of these proceedings, and to take measures to protect the lives of persons threatened with similar violence.

The Oakland Ghosts.

We are waiting with considerable anxiety for the report of Prof. Le Conte, Rev. J. K. McLean, and Hon. W. W. Crane, in regard to the wonderful manifestations that are occurring in Oakland, Cal. We hope that their erudition and keen discernment will enable them to comprehend the situation, without bringing to their aid poor dilapidated psychic force. If they think that the phenomenon is not of spiritual origin, but that the mysterious, incomprehensible and intangible psychic force is the cause thereof, it would be well for them to tame the wild fellow and make him subservient to the wishes of mortals.

See Mrs. M. S. Barber's advertisement "Old King Time cornered at last." And Mrs. O. S. Mattoon's, "A Diamond Set for \$1.00."

Prison Reform.

The Industrial Congress which has been in session in Rochester, N. Y., has, among other things, been bending its energies to solve the problem of prison labor. They have taken the highest moral ground that prisons were for reform, and not for mere punishment, and that the convict has a right to work and lay up money for himself, so that when his term of imprisonment expires he may have a fund wherewith to start life anew, and not be forced to return to a career of crime.

"Denouncing prison labor, as at present conducted, as gross injustice to the convicts, a wrong to honest labor, and a fraud on the State. Belief that convicts should labor and be self-supporting; but the great object to be reform, and not to compete with honest labor; let the wages in prisons be the same as honest labor, and the profits accruing be used by the State for the payment of the fines or expense of crimes; for the support of the convict's family during imprisonment; a fund for the convict's use after liberation; in the absence of all these, to the schools of the State.

Liberal Tendencies.

A correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, writing from Boston, gives encouraging reports of the general tendency towards Liberalism. He says:

"A few weeks ago, in a little New England village, I found among the Methodists all the principles of Spiritualism, a belief in the presence of spirits, their aid in good, and their hindrance of evil or unsuccessful action. From that small place, with its lowly worshippers, for most of them were mechanics, many with a difficulty about their aspirates, genuine Disenters, to this educated community of the highest culture, I come to find the same belief expressed. Others have taken the other path, and of these the ultra-Radical prophets are Weiss, Alger, and others of that ilk. It seems as if all sects were fast being merged into one or other of these widely diverging paths, which may yet come together, even as extremes are said to meet, in a Millennium of moral ethics, which may be desirable, but, at a distance, looks as if it would be stupid—a communism of thought and ideas, revealing a dead level of intellectual life."

Letters of Fellowship.

The RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY granted letters of fellowship and ordination to Brothers Harry Bastian and Malcolm Taylor, on the 24th of May, 1874, constituting them "regular ministers of the gospel," and authorizing them to solemnize marriages anywhere in the United States or Territories, in due form of law.

Removal.

Dr. H. P. Fairfield says: "I am moving back to Massachusetts, to my old home, Greenwich village, and you will please to so address the JOURNAL to me. That will be my address hereafter. I will soon write you an article placing myself right in the JOURNAL. God bless you in your good work for humanity."

Little Bouquet.

The June number of the LITTLE BOUQUET will reach all regular subscribers before this number of the JOURNAL is received. It is the best number of that gem of beauty that has yet been published. Indeed it will excel any magazine ever yet published for the enlightenment of the youth and children. Every Spiritualist and liberal minded parent should subscribe for it.

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Bro. M. E. Taylor, of Mich., proposes to lecture to any society in the States of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, Wisconsin, or Iowa, three months, speaking twice on each Sabbath, for fifty dollars, provided said society will board him and his horse free of charge during that time. Should any society wish to make such contract, it can address the same to Hanover, Jackson Co., Mich., care of A. A. Freeman, Esq.

Lt. Lewis writes there will be a Grove Meeting in Bedford, Monroe Co., Mich., the last Sunday in June. All true and reliable Spiritualists are cordially invited to attend. The meeting will commence at 10 o'clock A. M. All wishing to attend must come prepared with their baskets bountifully supplied with the staff of life.

Bro. J. R. Ribley, Editor and Proprietor of the Independent, of Ackley, Iowa, gave us a fraternal call on the 20th inst. Bro. R. is a young man of intelligence and full of vim—just the man to make his mark favorably. As a Brother Editor and Spiritualist, he has our best wishes for his prosperity, and our right hand of fellowship.

Bro. A. J. Parkins informs us that Mrs. Farry will lecture at Plainfield, Ill., on the evenings of May 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st.

H. Sherrin and S. Heselgrave wrote to this office on business, but gave no post office address.

SAMUEL SHERRIN sends \$6 to this office, but gives no post office address.

We received a letter from London, Minn., dated Feb. 16th, containing \$9.40, but no signature attached. Will the sender please give name.

Bro. R. H. Winslow, we are sorry to say, is confined to his house, at home, in Batavia, Ill. He is expected to be able to go out soon. Address him at the above named place.

CATALOGUE OF BOOKS

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All orders with the price of books desired, and the additional amount mentioned for postage, will meet with prompt attention.

Table listing various books for sale, including titles like 'An Hour with the Angels', 'A Discursion on the Nature of the Soul', and 'The Bible as a Whole'.

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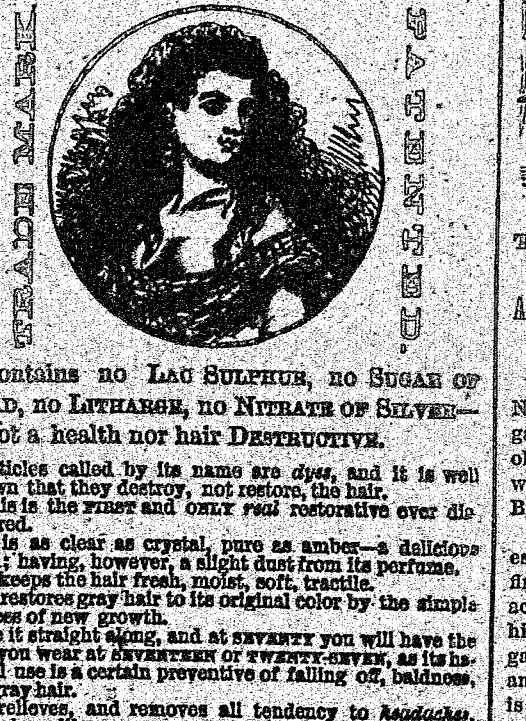
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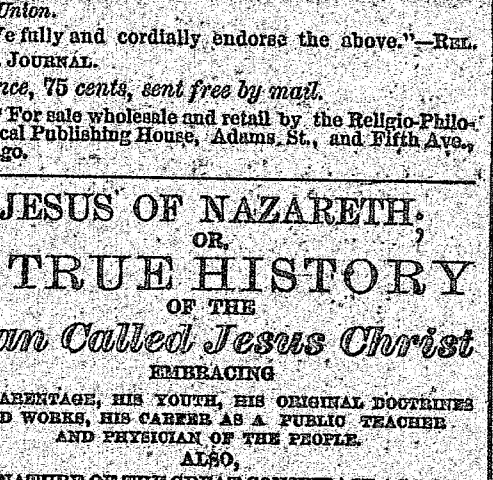
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A Good Head of Hair Restored by a Spirit Prescription

Dr. Smith enclosed a lock of his hair along with the above letter. It is about one inch in length, and of a dark brown color, soft and lively as that of a young man of twenty.

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Heresy.

The Catholics had their Ecumenical Council for the purpose of the greater unity and power to meet the spread of heresy, and the Protestants, Liberals, Spiritualists, etc., are flocking into each other's arms, and forming bonds of unity in the shape of Evangelical Alliances, World's Alliance, Tract Society, Sunday School Union, etc.

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her place and fell at once asleep again. Thus seeing no hope for myself, and in the firm belief why I did not know—that I was going to die and what occurred was nothing but instantaneous death to me, I conceived the idea of saying the Lord's Prayer. This thought had scarcely struck me, when the man at my side abruptly withdrew his hand from my lips and said very loudly, "Thou wilt not kiss my hand!"

After he had ended the prayer, with another bow he stood erect again and motionless, as if waiting for something. My own condition, however, had not changed in the least, and when again I had the mental wish to say the prayer to the holy virgin, he equally loud and distinctly began to say this as well, and the like happened with a third prayer to which I directed my wishes in thought.

The clock struck three. Quite suddenly I then remembered that the six weeks after the Holy Easter-festival had not yet elapsed, and the time not yet passed, when, according to the rites of our church at that hour the Easter-year, "Christ has arisen," is sung in all churches.

Christ has arisen, is sung in all churches. I at once felt a fervid longing to hear this holy song, and, lo, as though in answer to this, suddenly resounded from a far distance the divine notes of the holy song as though executed by some numerous choir in unmeasurable height!

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The light which is thrown on this phase of the Bible from many well-attested phenomena of modern Spiritualism can not wisely be disregarded by those who are sincerely loyal to the spirit which permeates the Bible.

Many of the spirits who now communicate, confess that Christ was the greatest medium that ever was on the earth. The accounts given of him in the New Testament are quite in accordance with this view.

There are at least a hundred recorded instances of Mr. Home's rising from the ground in the presence of as many separate persons and I have heard of the most striking occurrence of this kind from the lips of three persons—the Earl of Dunraven, Lord Lindsay and Captain C. Wynne—each giving a most minute account of what took place; no fact in sacred or profane history is supported by a stronger array of proofs.

The spiritual effect of what is called a trance, was well understood by Christ. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst," and the practical result of this kind of gathering is shown in the last chapter of Luke.

The reports of modern phenomena give us fresh conceptions of the descriptions of the Bible, and help us to realize that it is not a book of the dead past, but, in Spiritualism at least, is up with the times.

There are parts of the Bible that it is impossible to comprehend and very difficult for many to believe without the light that is thrown upon them from the modern well-attested phenomena of materialization.

To this I have to add, that my sister-in-law, who, a few weeks after the decease of her husband, had come with her family to live with us at Romanoff-Borisoglebsk, in a conversation with a lady visitor mentioned in my presence, that her deceased husband had been buried with long hair hanging down upon his shoulders, and a large beard, which had grown in a remarkable way during his illness.

About the character of the deceased Senegre, which was a very peculiar one, and her relations to him, Madame Aksakow made some further communications, which may serve as hints to the explanation of the wonderful event. Mr. Senegre was of a reserved disposition, very little and only reluctantly communicative, habitually melancholy and morose, though at other but rare times, given to spells of excessive hilarity.

THE DIAKKA, AND THEIR EARTHLY VICTIMS; BEING AN EXPLANATION OF SUCH THAT IS FALSE AND REPULSIVE IN SPIRITUALISM. BY ANDREW JACKSON DAVIS.

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