

THE SWING PATTON CONTROVERSY.

Letter to his Holiness, Pope Pius Patton.

DEAR HOLINESS.—It is evident that you are raised up for a purpose, though what that purpose is, is somewhat doubtful...

How consoling it must be to the heart of the young Christian mother, as she closes the dying eyes of her first born babe, and shed bitter, scalding tears upon its marble face...

At this stage of the game I ventured to ask his holiness this little question. If the eternally elect can not be lost, nor any of the eternally reprobate be saved...

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The sexual embrace required in the production of offspring, by the animal or human form, is not necessary, or rather the analogous principle is not developed, as regards reproduction in the social, political, religious, and other organizations of the animal and human kingdoms...

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CHICAGO, SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1874.

BLOOD. The Blood of Jesus - The Philosopher's Experiment - The Blood of Bullocks.

It is a fact that no one at the present time will attempt to deny, that blood—human blood, is an essential ingredient in the so-called evangelical religion of the present age.

A critical examination of the blood reveals nothing very peculiar about it. Supposing we had before us one thousand ounces of that precious life fluid that so gracefully circulates throughout every part of the human system.

It is true that there are many peculiarities connected with the blood that render it an interesting study, and, besides, observation has taught us that it possesses many saving qualities, and is able to transmit its life-giving properties to matter that is actually dead!

If blood, the kind that circulates in a rat, can cause a dead tail to wag, have we a right to conclude that the kind which circulated in the veins of Jesus, can save all the old sinners that ever lived!

Do not understand us as speaking disparagingly of blood. We are in favor of it when pure, for then it imparts luster to the eyes, rosy tints to the cheeks, animation to the brain and elasticity to the step.

We never have known of a single instance where the blood of Jesus has been instrumental in saving a single soul, but we do know of cases where the blood of oxen has manifested astonishing saving qualities.

There would be more consistency in having the blood of bullocks for a superstructure of a religion—pure blood, as it gushes forth from their healthy veins, pregnant with life.

The blood of Jesus, however, according to the doctrine of church members, is only applicable to sins; for though as scarlet, through the potent instrumentality of his blood they shall be made as white as snow.

Jesus was a most excellent man. We admire his many noble qualities. A philanthropist and reformer, his soul was rich with aspirations to reform the world, and his name stands recorded high on the pinnacle of fame.

Superstition tells us that when the Saviour was being crucified, a robin plucked a thorn from his crown, which piercing its breast ever after colored it red, hence all robins at the present day have red breasts; and it was superstition, too, that ascribed to his blood saving qualities.

However, the saving qualities attributed to the blood of Jesus, have had their good effects. It is an ill wind that blows nobody any good. The continual reference to the blood of Jesus, has awakened within the minds of physicians a belief that there are potent qualities in healthy blood that, when transfused to the veins of the sick, will have beneficial effects.

The time will come when ministers, instead of preaching about the blood of Jesus, if healthy, will become useful in furnishing pure blood for invalids, and magnetic healers, with one ounce of their own blood transfused into the veins of one weak and debilitated, will accomplish more good than a dozen treatments by the ordinary method of manipulating.

Church Property.

We are glad to see that the Chicago Tribune has concluded at last to follow in the footsteps of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, and favor the taxation of church property.

of the present grinding taxation. A gentleman of this city pays \$175 in city taxes upon his home, against \$74 last year. A few doors from him there is a gigantic church, worth his house twenty times over. It does not appear in the Assessor's schedules. Is this justice?

Ghostly Agitation in California.

California seems to be the center of attraction at present for the spirits. The Livermore (Cal.) Enterprise gives startling accounts of their manifestations, at the house of J. L. Mitchell, at that place, lately.

On Wednesday, the young lady, Miss Cayzer, was taken suddenly ill, and during the night was obliged to have watchers. This night the noise ceased. On Thursday night the sound was again begun, keeping up until midnight, then ceased for the night.

Mediums at Terre Haute.

Mr. Allen Pence speaks as follows of the mediums at Terre Haute, Ind.: Mrs. A. E. Brown certainly possesses wonderful mediumistic powers which, in many respects, differ widely from those claimed for Mrs. B. or any other medium in the city.

have passed from the mortal to the immortal. Let those who doubt lay aside their prejudice, call on her, and be convinced. We not only endorse her as an honest and genuine medium, but a lady whose character we believe to be above reproach.

Dr. P. B. Randolph's New Book.

This week's issue of the JOURNAL, contains an advertisement of a forth-coming book through the mediumship of that noted and very eccentric spirit medium, Dr. P. B. Randolph.

While we have no definite conception of the contents of this new book, we do know that when spirits of high moral and philosophical sentiments get control of Brother Randolph, they can and do give the world gems of truth.

Of its real merits, our readers, like ourselves, will be better prepared to judge on perusal. From a private letter we are led to believe that he entirely ignores the Moses-Woodhull "social freedom" promiscuously doctrine.

That he is a remarkably psychological subject is evident, hence his utterances are occasionally very contradictory, and while he pens great and important truths, his writings sometimes show veins of personal spleen, unworthy of the lofty phase of mediumship to which he often attains.

Pitching in.

Every Moses-Woodhullite in America, the Gentle E. V. Wilson not excepted, pitch into the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL vigorously. The best joke of the season is, that the "Gentle," as soon as the Frontier Department was closed, commenced asserting that he had left the paper on "account of its personalities!"

During the whole time that he advertised himself in that "corner," we were constantly in receipt of letters recommending a change in the name of that department to "Wilson's Billingsgate and Advertising Corner."

Fred. H. Barnard writes as follows in reference to Spiritualism in Rockford, Illinois:

"Mrs. A. C. Smith, of Aurora, has during part of the past month been holding circles and giving private sittings for the Rockford people, and it is in behalf of this good medium and fine lady that I write this for publication in the JOURNAL. A number of my friends, besides myself, have been very much instructed and entertained during her visit here."

Fifty Dollars Reward.

A correspondent of the St. Louis Globe, who is a Presbyterian, says: "I will give a reward of \$50 to any one who will give the name of a Presbyterian minister, who is a member of a Presbytery under the jurisdiction of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, who has, at any time, preached the doctrine of infant damnation; and I will give a \$50 additional reward to any one who can point out any article in the confession of faith or catechism of this church teaching this horrid doctrine."

declare, some twenty years ago, that he believed there were infants in hell. We never heard a Presbyterian preach the same barbarous doctrine.

Charles H. Foster.

CHARLES H. FOSTER is now at Melbourne, New Zealand. The Progressive Spiritualist says: "He is one of the best test mediums in the world, and such a medium has been needed in these colonies. Hard-headed Materialists, skeptical journalists, and bigoted clergymen, have visited him, and received striking proofs of the existence of another world and the truth of spirit communion."

LAFKER, MICH.—John L. Simes writes in regard to the marvelous tricks of the Keeler Brothers. We know nothing of them. They may imitate spirit manifestations very adroitly, and yet not have any special mediumistic powers.

MR. T. D. KAYSER, formerly a typo in this office, has been united in marriage to Miss MILLIE M. HOWARD, of St. Charles, Ill. Mr. Kayser is a young man of unblemished moral character, and of more than ordinary intelligence.

DR. J. H. RANDALL informs us that he is engaged for the next six weeks in Ohio and New York, and will be glad to receive applications for further employment—especially from Ohio and Michigan.

AVA, ILL.—Mrs. W. Brownfield says: "There is considerable interest in Spiritualism awakened here! One Woodhullite discontinued the JOURNAL. I now send you two new subscribers, and will soon send more."

J. H. HAND, of Milford, Georgia, writes: "We have organized a small society here, of twenty-two or twenty-three members; it is the second society in the State."

ST. LOUIS, MO.—We are sorry to learn that Mrs. McCord, trance speaker, who has been of late lecturing to one of the Spiritual societies in that city, accidentally fell and broke her wrist so badly that she has been compelled to surrender the desk to another speaker.

THE Annual Meeting of the Society of Spiritualists at Rockford, Mich., will be held at Free Church Grove, the 13th and 14th of June. T. H. Stewart and other speakers will be present.

THE Anniversary Meeting of the Harmonial Free Church of Spiritualists, at Sturgis, Mich., will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the 19th, 20th and 21st of June, 1874. Several distinguished speakers will be present; also Mrs. Blair the spirit artist.

DR. P. B. RANDOLPH will answer calls to lecture. He is really an eloquent speaker, and can entertain any audience. Address him at Clyde, Ohio.

A. E. CARPENTER can be addressed at 65 Washington Ave., Chelsea, Mass. Bro. Carpenter will answer calls to lecture anywhere. He is well spoken of by those who have heard him lecture.

H. BAKER subscribes for the JOURNAL, but gives no name of State.

Quarterly Meeting.

The regular Quarterly Meeting of the Henry County, Ill., Association of Spiritualists, will be held in Cambridge, on the 27th and 28th of June, 1874. T. B. Taylor is engaged to speak before the association.

Grove Meeting.

The Spiritualists will hold a two days' meeting in a grove four miles south of Troy Corners, in Oakland County, Michigan, on Saturday and Sunday, the 13th and 14th of June. Mrs. L. A. Pearsall and other speakers will be present.

