

THE OCCUPATION OF SPIRITS IN SPIRIT-LIFE.

And to what extent are they Permitted to Impart their Knowledge to Mortals?

(An Inspirational Oration delivered by Mrs. Cora L. V. Tappan, of Darlington, on Tuesday, June 9th, 1874; subject chosen by a committee from the audience.)

Mrs. Tappan said:- The committee and the audience have presumed two things; that there are spirits, and that they impart information concerning themselves; of course, not having asked for any proofs of immortality, nor concerning the present form of imparting knowledge.

There are only two ways by which human beings can add knowledge. One of these methods is to derive that knowledge through the usual avenues called the senses; whatever human beings know upon earth, it is claimed by science that they obtain it through the senses.

There is another method, however, somewhat ignored by science, but recognized by the metaphysical schools and by religion; or a knowledge of things that do not pertain to the senses, and that are not attained through any of the senses.

Any knowledge concerning the inhabitants of the spiritual world must be derived by mortals through one of these two methods; or through both. Anything you know concerning the inhabitants of any distant country is obtained by exploration, by the visitations of voyagers, and travelers to those distant lands, or by the presence of some of the inhabitants of those countries among yourselves.

The information that you have derived concerning the inhabitants of the Spirit-world has not until the nineteenth century been obtained from the usual methods of information. It has been obtained from the various forms of inspiration or religious revelation, and those divine visitations in time past that have been supposed to be supernatural.

But in the nineteenth century it is claimed there is a process not only natural, but eligible to all, whereby the persons inhabiting that world may speak to mortals, and convey knowledge and testimony concerning their form of life, their occupations, and the existence of the various phases of being that constitute life.

that death is but a change of life; that mortals begin on earth an existence which is to be continued for ever; and that instead of death being a terror, a frightful monster, or a fearful Gorgon-headed evil, it is simply one of the changes of life; and that it is no more for a spirit to put off its outward covering and emerge into the spirit-life than it is for you to change your clothing and pass from one nation to another or from one town to another.

We are asked upon this basis to state the occupations of spirits in spirit-life. You must first consider that spirits leave the material body and material necessities behind. For instance, it is not necessary that they should delve and toil to clothe the material body. It is not necessary that they should eat and drink to keep up the material body.

Now, what will spirits do when freed from earthly life, when undomored by earthly raiment, when removed from earthly splendor or earthly poverty? What will be its status? What shall it do? There is a spiritual raiment to be provided; there is a spiritual nourishment to be obtained; there is a spiritual habitation to be builded.

The Scriptures give very little concerning a future state of life. It is true that all through the records of the inspired prophets there is mention made of angels; the words messenger, angel, and men are used synonymously.

We have said that spirits take with them all their faculties of invention, of art, of poetry, of power; all these things accompany the soul, and there is also the sincere and higher life of the spirit, that sublime and perfect beauty of friendship, the lofty attractions that bind kindred souls together.

Undoubtedly when the musician passes from his earthly life he feels the sweet powers of harmony and melody, and still pursues the ancient theme, having the songs of angels and the sweet harmonies of spirit-life to aid him.

sound like discord, for it is soul-music; it is in the spirit itself, the woven music of the vibrations of the soul; it is adorned with prayer, holy desires, and impulse and aspirations.

When you consider the numberless souls that pass daily and hourly from the earth which have to be instructed, or which instruct in their turn those who are beneath, you will perceive there is occupation sufficient for spirits; for the whole universe of souls must be taught.

To what extent, then, the second portion of the inquiry has it, "are they permitted to impart their knowledge to their friends on earth?" There is no limit to the power of imparting knowledge, except the ignorance of the taught.

DEAR SIR:- I herewith send you copy of the last communication obtained. It may be of some interest to you, was written on the 2nd ult. through the mediumship of C. B. Lucas.

"Katie King" held her farewell seance in England, May 21st. On that occasion she distinctly stated the "should never be able to speak or show her face again."

At the close two inspirational poems were given by Mrs. Tappan. The subjects were chosen by the audience. There being almost a vote on the two subjects, Mrs. Tappan's guides kindly offered to give a poem on each.

THE DEATH OF CHRIST; WHETHER IT WAS SACRIFICIAL, OR WHETHER HE DIED FOR HIS DISCIPLES.

Far in the East when the earth was young, Man feared the power of God. The worshipper in terror clung Where'er his footsteps trod.

Those who have striven in every age To help their human kind, Were burned or crucified or scourged; And those who strive to bind God's love by men's eternal hate,

Communication. DEAR SIR:- I herewith send you copy of the last communication obtained. It may be of some interest to you, was written on the 2nd ult. through the mediumship of C. B. Lucas.

"So life is life, whether on wing or on foot; it matters little which it is, life seems the same, whether on wing or on foot. I am a native of St. Albans, Vt., and my decease took place at San Domingo, twenty-five years ago.

Again, she declared in England that her real name is Annie Owen Morgan. Her father declares in America, that his assumed name was Henry Morgan, that his real name is John King and that his daughter's name was Katie; so it follows from her father's statement that her real name is Katie King, and that Annie Owen Morgan is only an assumed name.

CONCLUSION. The world-wide reputation of the author as a Statesman, Diplomatist, and writer, his earnest and varied life in connection with the rise of the manufacturing interest in England, the Socialistic Movement in this country, the political affairs of thirty years ago, the career of a Democrat at the New England court, but last and greatest of all the Growth of MODERN SPIRITUALISM, affords an absolute guarantee that any work from his pen must be of the highest order and absorbing interest.

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Materialization in England.

[From the Medium and Daybreak.]

Arrangements being complete and each sitter being in position, a complete chain was formed by each person grasping and holding during the whole seance the hands of his neighbors. The gas was then turned-down, so that it merely gave a glimmering light, but sufficient to enable any person present to distinguish the objects that were before and behind him. These preliminary arrangements having been made, some of the popular revival melodies were again sung, and the startling phenomena of the evening began to present themselves.

My readers must please to bear in mind that Miss F., the lady in the recess and behind the screen, was the only person in the room who was not held, and certainly was the only person behind the screen; she is a young lady about five feet high, and had on her a tight-fitting green dress.

necessary here to give. Mrs. Hollis, the celebrated medium, is on a visit to England. The only medium in the city I have met with, or heard of, is Miss. Lizzie Bailey, No. 161 Portland Avenue. Miss Bailey enjoys a good reputation, and is a perfect lady. She is a conscientious trance medium and clairvoyant, describes spirits, and gives excellent tests. I have seen her twice under the control of the spirit of A. B. Whiting, when she uttered a lengthy philosophical address, worthy of Whiting when in the human form, and also improvised a poem in his usual style.

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A War in the Camp—Free-lovers at Loggerheads.

Spiritualists well know that E. V. Wilson made use of the sophistry of a "free platform" to cover up his morbid cravings for the society of "free-lovers," while Ben. Todd came out in the true colors of a fully fledged social-freedomite. He seems to glory in a public exhibition of that which Wilson hugs to his embrace under the false pretense of a "free platform."

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It was stated to us that Cephas B. Lynn said that he made a d—d fool of himself at the Woodhull convention in Chicago, last fall, and he did so state. The Daily Times reported him as opposing the Woodhull doctrine at Wilson's recent free-love meeting.

Moses-Woodhullism Illustrated by a Spirit-Artist.

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He spent the whole evening conversing about some fashionable frivolities and put on such extra smiles as to show Ida plainly that he was aiming at making a special impression on her.

"Must terminate this most delightful visit in order to meet an important engagement with the Hon. Simon Mayhew, of Washington, and bowing very low, departed.

Another evening saw Mr. Lemond and Ida seated together in the parlor. The stiffness of her curls and toilette were quite amusing to Ida who found him a good study, and his efforts to be fascinating tickled her inwardly still more.

Lemond had made this one grand mistake with reference to Miss Manning. He supposed he was fascinating her and drawing her into his net, while the truth was she was drawing him into hers.

"Not at all so far as I know. Perhaps you can read my feelings, however, better than I can," said she with a smile as she rebuked his presumptuous remark about her loving him.

Lemond began to see a grandeur in woman which he never supposed she possessed. He was humbled and his vanity broken.

"By all means tell me my faults," he exclaimed. "Why can't you love me?" "If I must speak, then," said she, "tell me what you have that is lovable in your character? What have you for me to love?"

"What achievements in knowledge," she continued, "what deeds for human good, what high purpose in life can you present for my admiration and love? You speak of fashionable society. Some fashions would be quite repulsive to me, especially extravagant and unnatural dress, the habit of smoking, the use of liquors, etc.

"Mr. Lemond, I am obliged to you for your appreciation of my humble self. Think me not unkind when I say that I can never yield to you my hand when my heart is not yours, or when it must depend upon some possible future of yourself ever to become yours.

Bro. Jones.—This is probably the last notice I shall take of Col. Smith's effort to screen himself from the censure which his acts impose upon him.

This fund we propose to use for sending the little gem of beauty to orphans in as many different families as the donations will pay for.

Passed to spirit-life, from 221 Oak street, Lawrence, Mass., July 9th, Mrs. JENNIE STRYKER, aged 65 months and 9 days.

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Omission.

In a previous letter published in Dr. Child's Department, from the distinguished author and Spiritualist, Robert Dale Owen, the closing paragraph was omitted.

"If now I am asked where all this is to end; what is to come of it, in case familiar converse with visitors from another world shall continue to be permitted here, I reply, that that is not our affair. We have to deal, for the present, with facts, not with results from facts.

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