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STILL AMONG THE ANGELS. The Most Wonderful Phenomenon Yet.

A Spirit Materializes, walks out upon the Rostrum, seating herself in a Chair near a Stand, and writes a Communication for the RELIGIO PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL.

LETTER FROM J. H. MENDENHALL.

BRO. JONES—I should undoubtedly feel my self a monopolizer in the columns of the JOURNAL, were I to write as much upon any other subject as that of the great science of life, as demonstrated through Modern Spiritualism.

ceiving my thanks. This communication was read by Dr. Pence, to the audience, even before I read it myself, as all can testify, as also the original, which I now have in a frame, will show that I have not changed it in so much as one letter or even its punctuation.

MEDIUM IN HER CHAIR, unconscious, and then resumed her seat and pencil finishing her communication. Again I will add below a short communication I received of Mattie by independent scribe writing, the day previous to the circle, that the reader may see how it was that the above communication was given as the fulfillment of a promise.

Dear reader, you now have the whole matter before you, and can test thereby, not only the faithfulness of an angel companion; but you can realize the eternal truth of your immortality, and through this, the annihilation of distance, the blending of time and eternity, and the sweet converse with human angels.

dressed in a very dark brown, almost black dress, white collar and stockings. Her form was very symmetrical, movements graceful and showed much anxiety to be recognized.

Again, I will refer to Belle, as I see I have omitted some important items connected with her display. By request of Mr. Pitkins, she cut, with a pair of scissors, several pieces from her dress and distributed them among those who expressed a wish for the same.

Belle was cheerful, conversed freely, and was weighed twice by Mr. Conner, varying her weight from 81 to 112 lbs. She out from her left temple a lock of her flowing hair, and placed it upon a white handkerchief near the front edge of the rostrum, covering the lock with part of the handkerchief, and then stepped back to the cabinet door, resting her hands quietly on her side and the door.

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On! who can estimate the worth, Of spirit's way to come to earth? How desolate our friends would be, If we could not return to these.

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marks she was quite intimate with their thoughts, and object of their visit here. Belle made her appearance, and gave orders for tempering the light, and then brought the medium to the door, moving in such ways as to satisfy any skeptic of the presence of two distinct personages.

having a large silk shawl thrown loosely over her shoulders. She conversed freely for some minutes, and then retired. A young lady next appeared, and gave her name as Mary Jane Hurd; was recognized by her father, who resided near South Bend, Ind. This scene was very affecting to the father. The lady (spirit) was neatly apparelled in white waist dress with white sash around her waist.

She then retired, leaving a good impression on the audience. Now, and last, a fine looking lady (spirit) appeared, dressed in black, and was readily recognized by Robert Wickersham, of Wilmington, Ohio, as being his wife. She walked forward, patted him gently on the hand and retired.

JULY 23, LIGHT SEANCE, No. 5.—All things in order, Minnie announced the medium in her possession. She was an elderly lady (spirit) who made her appearance, with black dress, white cap with black border and black silk handkerchief.

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with a clear and distinct voice heard by all, complimented the committee controlling the seances in the highest terms, thanking them in behalf of the spirit band to which she belonged, for the care they had taken of their medium, ever surrounding her, as far as possible, with pleasant and harmonious relations, and by their sympathies sustained her against the unjust attacks, and sneering insinuations of dishonest skeptics.

JOHN THOMAS, Los Angeles, California. ROBT. WICKERSHAM, Wilmington, O. H. G. PITKIN, Memphis, Mo. WM. GARNER, Council Bluffs, Iowa. L. P. E. WHELDON, Winterset, Iowa.

During my recent visit at Terre Haute, I made it a part of my business to attend the seances of Miss Laura, daughter of John L. and Mary Ann Morgan, now in her fourteenth summer; and though her mediumistic powers are by no means fully developed, I am induced, from a sense of justice due her, to write up a brief sketch of her wonderfully promising spiritual "gifts," as witnessed by myself and others.

will allow search to be made, by opening the cabinet door at any instant of the occurring phenomena. I have seen in day time, when Laura was in the cabinet under test as above described, a dozen hands, one at a time, of all sizes from that of a small child up to full grown, thrust out of the aperture, with palms of the hands open, minus floor; thus showing they were not Laura's. Belle and other instruments are used when in cabinet. Her independent scribe writing differs in some respects from that of other mediums. Instead of the pencil being reduced to the small dimension of a wheat grain or apple seed, the spirit, with her, uses a common length pencil, while Laura holds the slate in one hand under cover. I have in gas light circles, in her presence, held the slate myself, when the spirit would receive the pencil from my fingers and write a short communication thereon, with a detached materialized hand in fair view of all present. Laura's hand at the same time being tied and filled with flour. Sometimes the spirit would draw on the slate an imperfectly formed face, and sometimes hide the pencil from our view, and return it only when I would confess my inability to find it.

Snicide of a Dog.

A recent number of the Revue Spirite contains an interesting article on the "Snicide of Animals." It states: "The evening before last a little dog was seen to descend to the banks of the river near the Pont-Royal, and eagerly look about as if interrogating the waters. Presently the form of a man was seen, but soon sank out of sight. The dog no longer hesitated, but swam to the spot, dived down, returned, dived again, and returned no more. He had found his master." "Madame B., of Rue St. Anne, had a dog she dearly loved, and who dearly loved his mistress. Madame B. died, and the utmost care could not assuage the grief of her pet. Pleading cries and a refusal of food expressed his sorrow, and one day he was in the lap of Madame B. placed in an open window, he leaped out and was killed."

around her neck and shoulders. Several times she threw those curls back over her shoulders with her left hand, quite visible to all. I have described Mattie thus particular for two reasons; first, because she promised ere I left home for this place, through the mediumship of my aged mother, to make her appearance to me, if possible, in this identical style, as I told her that I could better recognize her in this manner of apparel than any other. My brother Amos heard her thus promise me. My second reason is, that hundreds of her friends and acquaintances in earth-life, will readily recognize her identity from this her native style of costume. Mattie made her bow, walked gracefully to the stand, taking her seat in the chair. Called for a knife to sharpen a pencil, and after using it for that purpose, remarked, "I guess this will do." She then adjusted a sheet of foolscap on the stand for writing, rested her left elbow on the stand with her hand up to her left temple and forehead, as if in a meditative mood, holding at the same time the pencil in her right hand. Looked at me now an instant, as I thought, with a smile of gratitude over her countenance, and my face was within four feet of hers, and wrote the following communication which I give verbatim et literatim.

"SEANCE ROOM, SPIRIT ROSTRUM, June 24th." DEAR MR. MENDENHALL:—I take pleasure in fulfilling my promise. I think you still have that much confidence in me. You ask me to-day to write you a lengthy communication on any subject that I saw fit to write on. I am happy, but I can't see as it has ever been religion that has caused my happiness. I look at religion like this; if every body wanted to go to Europe, one starting from one point, and one from another, and so on, we would all get there. All striving for Heaven, one going this way and another that way, and finally all get there; the only thing I look at is this—so many get here on some one else's responsibilities, and a Spiritualist gets through on his own responsibilities. Let's mother alone, Mr. Mendenhall, in her religious views, her mind is not in a condition to receive Spiritualism. (She will get through safe if she does have to become some one else's responsibility. You know that mother is old, and like many other old people, has become childish in many things. I must dematerialize myself. Good-bye, Mr. Mendenhall.

Allow me to say, here, Mattie covered the sheet of paper with a penknife, and passed the half containing the communication to me, and then with a bow, retired to the cabinet, receiving my thanks. This communication was read by Dr. Pence, to the audience, even before I read it myself, as all can testify, as also the original, which I now have in a frame, will show that I have not changed it in so much as one letter or even its punctuation.

to the seance room and down again in a chair, feeling none the worse of the act, as she informs me this morning, but bids fair for a speedy recovery. Quite a number of persons were present, and after music by Dr. Pence, Minnie announced, "Me got em medium good now, but me an't go em give much show em to night, cause medium not well." Belle now appeared, bid the time of night, and then remarked, in tones of much feeling and sympathy for the medium, "I am sorry to have to say, we can not give a good seance to night, for the medium is in very bad condition. Please don't urge anything. We take pleasure in doing all we can, and will do the very best we can under the circumstances." With these remarks, Belle, in her pure white dress, retired to the cabinet.

A fine looking gentleman soon appeared on the rostrum, in dark suit, white front or shirt bosom and in stocking feet. He seemed to be glad of this his first opportunity of showing himself from the Summer-land, walked several times partly across the rostrum, waving his hand in salutation, was unable to speak, and therefore unrecognised. Minnie gave his name as Stryver, the son of Dr. Pence, who had passed into spirit life some twenty-seven years ago, when an infant. Next was a lady spirit, with white or skirt waist and dark skirt, with white stockings. I believe she was not recognised. Then came a lady





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GOD OR NATURE—WHICH?

The Nature and Power of Cyclones.

A cyclone consists essentially of a rapidly ascending current of air. This involves two other functions: First, a rushing in of the air at the under part of the ascending current...

When the heated air, as already described, rushes up in a column, it becomes subjected to less and less pressure, because there is less and less air above it...

The above is from the Popular Science Monthly, and gives, perhaps, a correct theory of the nature and power of a cyclone.

works of nature, that his subtle Satanic Majesty does in the human family—its mission seems to be to tear down, to devastate, to destroy—to cause trouble and disasters on all sides!

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The Spiritual Scientist.

THE SPIRITUAL SCIENTIST is the name of a paper published at the Hub, a city which is full of loveliness and the glory of the descendants of the Puritan fathers.

We desire to state that Boston is the place referred to, but that it is the capital of Diakka-land, we are not prepared to say.

In the first place he presents in an able manner the claims of the SCIENTIST on the Spiritualists, then he makes the astounding declaration that the BANNER OF LIGHT is the "most widely circulated," and that the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL has the "largest circulation."

Now, as the editor of the SCIENTIST is undoubtedly zealous and ambitious, though ambiguous in his statements, we give him the right hand of fellowship.

air, the fact! We are willing to acknowledge that you publish a very interesting paper; that "the Brotherhood of Luxor" are honest, and that you are one of the best men living...

The editor of the SCIENTIST may not be aware that the Chicago fire did not seriously interfere with the regular issue of our paper.

A GHOST IN ALBANY.

An Unknown Human Face that was Distinctly Pressed Against a Pane.

The latest remarkable "ghost story" comes from the Albany (N. Y.) Express. It appears from that paper that one evening, a week or two since, a lady residing in one of the southern wards was returning to her home...

In the morning a simple inquiry, which attracted no attention, elicited the fact that there had been no living person in the house the previous night other than the usual members of the family...

The most startling and mysterious of the phenomena remains to be told. As if to convince them that their imagination had not been worked up by any means to create the impression they had detailed, there appeared upon the bottom of the gentleman's foot the next morning, plainly printed in a color quite like blood-red, the fac-simile of the thumb he had felt beneath it...

Mrs. Cruger.

It appears from the New York Sun, that Mrs. Cruger, of New York, was an old lady of great wealth, high social standing and culture. But one day, seven or eight years ago, she was so unfortunate as to fall to the ground, and a derangement of her faculties followed.

Board of Missions and the American Bible Society had been anything but religious organizations, they would not have troubled this insane person's money, but the Devil has done them a great deal of service in one way and another...

Spiritualism.

The St. Louis Democrat says: "We have heretofore called the attention of the Christian clergy to the rapid increase of Spiritualism, and have very plainly intimated that if they ever expect to do anything to prevent the spread of this new and dangerous heresy, they ought to begin the work without any loss of time."

Viewing the subject in a business light alone, and churches, if they succeed, must be conducted on business principles, it is evident that Spiritualism is undermining our Orthodox Christianity to an alarming extent...

It is possible that the clergy do not regard Spiritualism as a competitor with Christianity? The Spiritualists surely claim that their system, or delusion, or whatever you may please to term it, is a religion, and that it is the best as well as the most rational...

ANOTHER FALL.

A Methodist Clergyman in Tennessee, Suspended for Certain Unprofessional Eccentricities.

We learn from a special dispatch to the Chicago Tribune, under date of July 10th, that the Commission appointed by Bishop McTyeire, of the M. B. Church South, has been sitting at Murfreesboro the past few days, investigating the ministerial misconduct of the Rev. J. W. Hanner, Sr., Presiding Elder of that district.

"That John W. Hanner, Sr., is not only guilty of what is improper and reprehensible in the highest degree in a Christian man and minister, but his conduct in the affair deserves the formal verdict that he is guilty of immorality in writing a letter to a young lady, dated June 25th, apparently designed to corrupt her and seduce her from the path of virtue...

Russia in the Ascendant.

The investigation of Spiritual manifestations by Prof. Wagner of St. Petersburg, and his complete conversion to the cause, has caused great commotion in the scientific circles of Europe.

front by appropriating \$120,000 for the investigation of Spiritualism, and the Imperial University is to lead the movement!

The Dubuque Camp Meeting.

The fates controlled, greatly to the disadvantage of those who would have been glad to have had a creditable meeting, and worked hard to that end.

The first great mistake was made in the call, in not ignoring so-called "social freedom" from the consideration of the meeting.

If Spiritualists wish for a good meeting they will not hesitate to exclude a doctrine from their platform, infamous in its very nature, when it is known that its advocates intrude it continually upon the people...

Nineteen out of every twenty who believe in spirit-communion, utterly deny that "social freedom" finds any argument in its support in the Spiritual Philosophy...

The friends of the Dubuque meeting erred in this very particular. They wished for harmony, and consequently made no restrictions in their call.

Under such a disgrace, and the inauspicious weather, the Dubuque Camp Meeting proved a great failure.

The infamous speech was parceled out to, and mouthed about by the throwdies of the city to the general disgust of all Spiritualists that were not devoid of self respect...

Most unfavorable articles have been published in regard to the meeting, while very little attention has been paid to any one but the advocates of "social freedom."

Light as a Motive Power.

Prof. Wm. Crookes, at the weekly meeting of April 23d of the Royal Society of London, read a paper on his recent researches into the motive power derivable from light.

In its physiological aspect this great discovery is of equal importance. The value of light as a health-preserver and restorer will have become more inestimable as its laws are discovered.

The consequences in all departments of science which will flow from this grand discovery, are incalculable.

The opposers of Spiritualism will no longer sneer at the accuracy of scientific attainments of Prof. Crookes, for he has arisen to the sublimest heights investigation ever carried a student of nature.

A. J. FISHBACK has again taken up his residence at Victoria Station, Jefferson Co., Mo.

BROTHER L. H. GOBLE, of Great Bend, N. York, has our thanks for his services in extending the circulation of the JOURNAL.

THANKS TO BROTHER B. S. HAVELAND, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, for the two cabinet photographs. They are true to the life, and will remain welcome guests in our art gallery.

BROTHER GILES STEBBINS gave us a call on his way home from the Dubuque Camp Meeting. Mr. Stebbins stands high as a literary man and lecturer.

Mrs. H. MONS attended the Dubuque Camp Meeting, and is filling appointments in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Letters will reach her addressed to Prescott, Pierce, Co., Wis.

We attended Brother J. M. Peebles' lecture at Grow's Opera Hall, July 11th, on the Darwinian Theory. It was eloquent and logical throughout, giving the attention of his audience.





INCIDENTS IN MY LIFE.

BY D. D. HOME.
Instead of being a superstition itself, as they may be disposed to think it, they would find it the explanation and the extinguisher of all superstition.

TIPPING HIS TABLES

Rambblings after a Rambler; Exposures of an Expositor.
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BY ROSS WINANS.
Extracts from Preface: "We object to what the highest demands of an unbounded and unobscured confidence in the infallibility of the writings of Moses and the Prophets, and the Evangelists and the Apostles, we dissent from a sentimental attachment to an impossible compound of food and man."

W. H. Mumler, SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHS

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