



Biography of Jonathan Koons.

We propose to publish several articles and biographical sketches from the pen of Jonathan Koons...

EDITOR MEDIUM.—In resuming the concluding subject of my eighth letter, I now continue with a remarkable and interesting case of spirit manifestation...

Miss K., however, faltered, and remained in her tracks in the road with her small sister...

From the foregoing occurrence, a number of others, claimed to have witnessed strange things in the vicinity of that place...

Whether or not this intrusion led him to fancy the same or similar manifestation to be of a satanic origin is more than I am able to establish at this time...

The next case in order, is that of a singular phenomena that made its appearance on Big Brush Creek, in the County of Bedford, Pa., on the premises of a Mr. Williams.

Previous to the decease of Mr. W., there arose a difficulty between Williams and a Mr. Weaverling, concerning the boundaries of adjoining lands of the parties...

Not saying that the phenomena is attributable to this cause, it so happened after the decease of the accused party, that there was a nightly pervasion of a strange sound...

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By this time the parties were within ten paces of meeting, when the suspicious stranger made an evasive escape...

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up and down the room, so that the quietness and passivity essential to the production of results with that particular medium could not be obtained.

It must be remembered that the Spiritualistic movement has no control over mediums. Those of them who get a professional livelihood are all working independently...

EDITOR JOURNAL.—I send you a criticism of a lecture by Rev. Mr. Swing of Chicago, written for the Detroit Daily Post.

I read a few weeks ago a report in the New York Tribune, of a lecture by the Rev. Mr. Swing, of Chicago, on "The Novel," its place in literature, etc., as delivered in the Second Avenue Church in Brooklyn.

I have before me an English work published by MacMillan & Co., of London, a translation of part of the Ramayana, by Frederika Richardson.

Miss Richardson renders into English a French translation, by M. Fauché, but has the assistance of Dr. Haas, an eminent Sanscrit scholar, and aims to keep close to the spirit and idea of the original.

The two words Rama and ayana signify the adventures of Rama, who was a hero of the warrior caste, and was also supposed to be an Avatar, or incarnation of Vishnu.

To show the ideal of womanhood, I give a few extracts which tell of Sita's trials and deliverance.

She had an interview, in a hut in the forest, with Anasuya, the aged wife of Atri, a venerable sage.

"I shall be more beautiful in his sight," whispered Sita. "O Pearl among ancient women, you have filled my heart with gladness."

dark Ravana, as he stood shaken by his strong emotion. She said "You speak to me of passion and fire. Love has another sense. It is a radiance, not a flame; light rather than heat."

"The baffled Ravana leaves her, and his hags all the air with fearful threats, until one of them, awed by Sita's serene aspect, says: "Behold, I dreamed last night that Rama slew all who tormented Sita."

At last she is brought back to Rama, who professes to doubt her, and she ascends a funeral pyre, seeking death by fire rather than her husband's doubt.

Agni, God of Purity and Light! If I am true and bright of soul, as Thou, prove my innocence to Rama and all his host!

She answered not in words, but clung more closely to him. Fully closes this marvellous story by the coming of a "cloud chariot gilded by the sun."

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Spiritual Phenomena Among the Esquimaux.

The following is extracted from a notice in the Saturday Review of a book entitled 'Mysticisms of the Esquimaux' by Par-Abe Morillot.

According to the old belief every being endowed with animal life, human or other, has a soul distinct from the body, which it could quit without necessarily causing death.

The Christian missionaries succeeded in bringing these odd notions concerning the soul into a tolerably orthodox condition, but they were not equally fortunate when dealing with the 'Inua' (in the singular 'Inua').

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SPIRITISM.

A Short Oration Thereon - The Closing Remarks in a Recent Lecture by Dr. E. B. Wheelock.

'Tis now that a vision of lucid thoughts, sublime, comes over me. In silent whispers over the sea, I hear, or seem to hear, the following - as the sweet echo of a reply to the aspirations and queries of every human soul.

eagle of the upper heavens; the royal ensigns of everlasting liberty, spreading its wings supernal from shore to shore; from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from coast to coast, with its broad breast upon the earth's equator.

Such to me is the culminated science of both ancient and modern 'Spiritism'. Why then should we wonder that a Materialistic Priesthood should ever feel to fight and give it battle?

Mr. Peebble's Home and Library. The English trance speaker, Mr. Morse, in a letter to the BANNER OF LIGHT, from New York, speaks thus of Mr. Peebble's residence, library, fruit orchard, etc.

While in Philadelphia a long cherished desire obtained its realization. When our good brother and able author, lecturer and extensive traveler, J. M. Peebbles, visited London, Eng., the first time, we met, and a friendship lasting up to this time resulted.

The results of many of Mrs. Peebble's artistic labor adorn the walls of our Pilgrim's home, in the form of a number of handsome pictures, showing alike the lady's taste as an artist and her excellence as a medium.

Out in the grounds, in the fruit orchard, are peach, cherry, apple, pear and other trees, all giving excellent promise of an abundant yield, while other articles of food are also spreading their emerald ensigns to the breeze on all sides.

New York, July 7th, 1875.

Letter from Bishop A. Beals.

DEAR JOURNAL: - Again I find myself among the genial hearted friends of Hamlet, where I was enabled to do efficient work last winter for the cause of spirit communion.

meetings have been well attended and a growing interest manifested for more.

Next Sabbath I am to hold a grove meeting at Leon Centre. It was there that our good sister Libbie Watson was early developed as a medium and speaker, and though but a child in years, yet she was enabled through her influences to sway the vast audiences that came out to hear her.

I have engagements up to the month of October. I go from Leon Centre, to attend the Lockport Convention of mediums, the 7th and 8th of August, from thence to LeRoy to remain during August.

Hamlet, New York, July 26th, '75

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Persecution of Mediums.

The insanity of Robert Dale Owen, of which the symptoms were detailed in the World of yesterday, suggests the question which has been mooted before...

In all ages of the world the spirit of persecution has prevailed, and unbribed in the minds of a certain class, it has been instrumental in causing great suffering and misery.

Thank God, the Declaration of Independence, beaming with brilliant thoughts and thundering sentiments, and destined for the superstructure of an enlightened, patriotic, and liberal nation...

Those who do not like to see mediums "raise the dead," or afford a channel for intercommunication between the two worlds, would suppress them, would proceed in an intolerant manner, and enact laws to abolish the holding of circles.

Spirit communion interferes with the rights of no one. The teachings of the Harmonial Philosophy never instruct a person to follow a life that leads to insanity, murder, or licentiousness...

There is Mrs. Stewart, of Nokomis, Montgomery county, Ill., who is a raving maniac. She was committed to the Insane Asylum in this State.

vival meetings which had been in progress at Nokomis. No one, however, would entertain the idea of suppressing religious meetings, because a devout member had become insane.

And there was another, high-toned religionist by the name of Rev. Reynolds, of Virginia, who was long-winded in the pulpit, and vociferous in prayers, who, when his daughter refused to marry a man odious to her...

While Spiritualists may become insane, or commit crimes, the teachings of the angels are always one of love, inspiring all to live a higher life. We would give all persons the right to worship God in any form they choose...

Although the injunction of the Scripture, "Spare not the rod," has led to murder and torture, and "Salute each other with a holy kiss," led to adultery, and the "Songs of Solomon" to licentious lives...

True, when Kluge was sentenced to the penitentiary for life, it was a signal rebuke to his interpretation of the Scriptures. We would treat all impostors the same way as he has been.

Mrs. Carrey, an estimable lady of this city, on one occasion tore down the door of a cabinet, and detected Reynor with his wig, curls, false faces, etc., with which he "manufactured" spirits, and he did it quite successfully.

There are, however, all over the country, mediums, messengers of the angel-world, who bring us glad tidings of great joy, and woe be to those who persecute them or try to suppress their heaven-born gifts.

This spirit of intolerance has been suppressed to an undercurrent, and being held in only partial abeyance, it breaks forth to public view occasionally. It showed itself when the Quakers were banished from Rhode Island...

The Orthodox may threaten; they may hurl their anathemas at mediums, but the grand work of feeding the world with heaven-born truths, will go bravely on; those long since dead will appear in the light, the sick be healed through angelic aid...

JAMES M. ALLEN will answer calls to lecture in the West. He has been holding forth at Brunswick and Cleveland, Ohio.

DEAD SHOT.

A Materialized Ghost Willing to Risk a Bullet - Remarkable Test to be Made in St. Louis

We learn that a new test of the truth of Spiritualism, is to be tried in Saint Louis, Mo. The Globe and Democrat of that city says:

It will be seen from the correspondence below that W. C. Clark, a Spiritualist, who resides in this city, has agreed to submit himself to a very severe ordeal to prove the genuineness of his materializations.

It was Mr. Clark's intention to give a private seance first to a select few, in order to demonstrate his power to endure the ordeal, and then offer a second exhibition to the general public.

This talk about Peter, and his band of spirits, and the "odid force," will, of course, sound like sheer nonsense to the general reader.

THE CHALLENGE. St. Louis, August 4, 1875.

DEAR SIR:—Having attended a dance given by you, and having seen the wonderful materializations, I will give you fifty dollars to produce one face at the aperture, if you will let me or any person I may name fire a shot at it with a rifle.

THE ACCEPTANCE. St. Louis, August 4, 1875.

DEAR SIR:—Received yours of to day; and accept your proposition with pleasure. Will meet with you as soon as convenient and arrange time and place.

Daniel White, a prominent physician of St. Louis, makes the following comments on the above, which he forwarded to us:

BRO. JONES:—The enclosed article I clip from to day's Globe and Democrat. Since reading it, I have had an interview with Mr. Henry Timkens, who is well and favorably known as a large and prosperous carriage manufacturer in this city, for more than 30 years.

WILL BATHAM—CAN A MATERIALIZED SPIRIT BE SHOT? Having rented Concert Hall, No. 203 Market street, for the fulfillment of my acceptance of the challenge received of the day, this is to notify all who may wish to witness the test that it will take place Monday evening, Aug. 9.

Strange Noises.

It appears from the Daily Times of Chattanooga, Tenn., that shortly after the death of a Mrs. Kennedy, the house she occupied was rented by a man named Goodwin, a shoe maker. In the middle of the night he was awakened by the sound of a sewing machine apparently in the same room.

Death of Mrs. J. H. Conant.

As we put the forms of the BANNER to press we can only briefly announce that this excellent medium and good woman has passed to Spirit-life, after years, we may say, of great physical suffering, at the age of 44 years, 8 months and 8 days.

We most sincerely condole with our Brothers of the BANNER OF LIGHT and the other friends of Sister Conant, who have so long stood very near and dear to her in the social relations of life.

From personal acquaintance we know that Mrs. Conant was one of the most remarkable mediums of this new era of spirit communion. She was accessible to, and the mouthpiece for, spirits of the most humble attainments as well as for those of the more refined and highly developed phases of intellectual culture.

Spirits who had near and dear friends remaining in earth-life, have for years used her organism as a medium for transmitting intelligent communications to such loved ones, and apparently the satisfaction in many cases, has been mutual to spirits and mortals—the recognition being perfect.

Questions of a profound metaphysical character have often been answered in a manner to evince the acumen of a master mind, not inferior to that of the most accomplished scholars and savants of modern times.

The transition from the material to the spiritual plane of life, was not unexpected to Sister Conant. She had been rapidly ripening for several years, during which time the physical system was gradually giving away, until her spirit, like a beautiful jewel falling from a casket, passed on to the higher life, there to take its place by the side, and in the midst of the loved ones, who have long and patiently awaited her translation from the pains and sorrows incident to physical debility.

Sister Conant was an amiable woman, who had learned much in the school of experience, which she will find of inestimable value in her spirit home.

That phase of mediumship through which remarkable intellectual development of departed spirits is manifested, greatly taxes the physical system of the medium, often prostrating it as though suffering from an extraordinary mental effort. Indeed such spirit control is to the medium a royal road to knowledge.

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THE LIVERY OF HEAVEN.

What was Found on the Person of a Thief After an Eventful Chase.

It appears from the Kalamazoo Gazette that Sheriff Blaney had a most remarkable chase after a thief a few days ago. It appears that a fellow from the country had bought a suit of clothes and gone to the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad depot preparatory to take the train.

So Mr. Blaney started on the chase a second time, the rain pouring down in torrents. The trail of the man was soon struck, and then commenced a grand chase, through swamps, creeks, marshes, scrub brush, patches of nettles, etc.

At a recent meeting of the Niagara Presbytery, a committee appointed to prepare a paper on unemployed preachers made some striking statements. "We have a surplus of five hundred ministers in the Presbyterian Church. Whether this is the result of an extraordinary spirit of consecration, unusual educational facilities, or the pay, place, and perquisites of the office, we can not stop to inquire."

B. F. UNDERWOOD, the distinguished Materialist, has been holding a debate in Canada, with Rev. Burgess.

Money.

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A Strange Dream and Its Strange Fulfillment.

It appears from the Boston Herald, that an Amesburg (Mass.) man had a singularly prophetic dream under the following circumstances: His father and mother had recently died within three or four weeks of each other, and one night in a dream he saw his mother standing by his bed, and a little distance away he saw a cot bed with a peculiar coverlet, on which a man lay with his back turned towards him.

Letter from Cleveland, Ohio.

BROTHER JONES:—I see by a notice in the last BANNER that the disciples of Woodhull and advocates of adultery and licentiousness, propose holding a convention, commencing this week at the "free-love" headquarters, Vineland, N. J.,—Coonly, President; Stansberry, Secretary. Well, this is all right, I suppose; so long as they keep their numbers down to the old seed ones, there is little or no danger of any one having any regard for character or reputation, having anything to do with this clique, who have done about all the mischief they can in this country.

Cleveland, O., Aug 4, 75

HUDSON TUTTLE has an able address in this number.

G. W. LAWSON treats on Hammodism and Hoodlumism in an interesting manner, this week.

LOUISE TULLY, please give your P. O. address, also what P. O. the JOURNAL has been sent to.

BRO. M. D. COWDERY, of Geneva, Wis., would like the address of Mrs. Miller, the physical medium.

MARK TWAIN, apropos of a new portable mosquito net, writes that the day is coming "when we shall sit under our nets in church and slumber peacefully, while the discomfited flies club together and take it out of the minister."

We shall publish in the next number of the LITTLE BOUQUET a remarkable communication given through the mediumship of J. J. Lucas, on the Office and Condition of Little Children in the Spirit world. It is well worth the price of subscription one year.

MRS. HOLLIS, THE MEDIUM, gave us a call on Tuesday. She came to this city at the earnest solicitation of friends. She is stopping at 383 West Randolph Street. Mrs. Hollis ranks high as a medium of rare gifts, and is a lady of refinement. Investigators should attend her seances without fail.

CONSIDERABLE excitement has been created at Marion, Iowa, at different times this season, over supposed spiritual manifestations, said to have occurred in some of the shops, the postoffice, and even at sittings in the park. Of late the sensation has deepened, and the lecturer for the state association of Spiritualists is there to give a series of lectures.

A GIRL has recently gone through a remarkable attack of catalepsy at a public hospital, in Paris. She fell into a lethargy, and her respiration became almost imperceptible, but her color and pulse were natural. Soon afterward her muscles became hard and stiff, and during six days she lay rigid, taking no food, and being wholly-unconscious. Her recovery was slow, and attended by relapses into a cataleptic condition.

DR. BAENITT writes us that he proposes to commence the instruction and development of a private class in Magnetic healing and the outlines of Anatomy, Physiology, Bathing, etc., on the first Monday of September, to continue from one to three months. Able physicalians will occasionally assist, and a certificate will be granted to those completing the course. Board per week \$3 and upward. Those interested can address E. D. Babbitt, M. D., 5 Clinton Place, N. Y. See advertisement.

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faculties; frequently children thus injured die
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old age. They are poor in flesh, bony, "raw-
ney, scrawny" creatures, and their children
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ral.

volve on the great mill wheel of hell; pinion-
ed unto its blazing vein with thongs of rattle-
snakes, how they will go down, down, into
abyssal depths of liquid fire among dragons,
krakens and devil fish, and only come to the
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