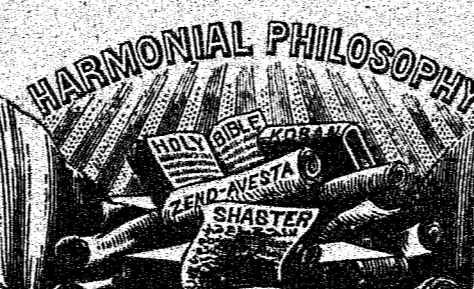


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Truth wears no mask, bows at no human shrine, seeks neither place nor applause: she only asks a hearing.

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*Forward Burns
Remember me
John*

Fac simile of a letter written by a Materialized Spirit in full view of the sitters at Bastian and Taylor's Circle, London, England

BASTIAN AND TAYLOR.

Their Surroundings—Autobiography of Mr. Taylor, Etc.
Dr. Dumont C. Duke gives His Startling Experiences.
An Illustrated Cut of the Piece of Cloth cut from the Spirit's Dress.
Mrs. Mary DeGroot adds Her Testimony.

As is well known now throughout the country, Messrs. Bastian and Taylor are holding seances each evening of the week, Saturday excepted, at their rooms, corner of Adams Street and Fifth Avenue. Those who have visited their seances since their return from Europe, and witnessed the wonderful manifestations given through their mediumship, no doubt feel thankful that the Harmonial Philosophy is favored by two such able representatives,—whose daily deportment in life, is in harmony with the teachings of the Nazarine; but not like him in one respect—they are not homeless, but reside in nicely furnished rooms, whose walls are adorned with paintings emblematic of the different phases of life and which in themselves simply express the innate nature of the two mediums. They admire the beautiful in art; and their admiration has taken definite shape, as the walls of their rooms will testify.

When ushered into their parlors, an air of comfort, grace, and dignity is at once impressed upon the mind, and you feel as if in the presence of the invisible.
The fact that their home is attractive, lends additional charms to what the angels may do, for it does not seem possible that evil influence can find ingress there. They have, too, a varied assortment of sweet feathered songsters—the English Sky Lark, Gold Finch, German Canaries, African Finches, Linets, Mocking Birds, Starling—nearly all of which were presented to them by admiring friends in Europe, and which are attended to with scrupulous care, and who repay the attention of their watchful guardians in sweet songs that God himself learned their ancestors, and which is now called an instinctive expression of brute nature—just as if those sweet warblers were brutes, "who" sing such sweet songs, or trill such soft plaintive notes.

These birds lend an additional charm to the homes of these mediums, and elevate the mind to a just appreciation of one of the manifestations of nature. We allude thus particularly to their surroundings, as they alone indicate as high a degree of refinement and culture, as can be found in any of the walks of life outside of the Spiritualistic ranks.
Their shelves are lined with valuable books, of poetry, philosophy, history, fiction, mythology, etc.—some of which were presented to them by that indefatigable laborer in the cause of reform, Mr. Burns of the *Minimum and Day-break*, London, Eng., and other admiring and appreciative friends there. They have also valuable pieces of jewelry presented to them while in Europe, which they highly prize, not merely on account of their value, which is considerable, but on account of the associations which they revive.

Their success in Europe was unparalleled. Scientists, Princes and high officers of Government attended their circles, and held communion with their spirit friends, receiving such astounding tests that they could no longer doubt the truths of Spiritualism. They have sowed the seeds of our philosophy in England, Scotland, Holland, France and Belgium, and they will take deep root there, and germinate, producing fruits that will promote the interest of the Harmonial Philosophy, and give the angels additional facilities for controlling the destinies of the Old World.
May, one of the controlling spirits of Mr. Bastian, is a lady of high

ORDER OF INTELLIGENCE,
who in Earth-life occupied a prominent position in Society, and who was universally esteemed for her many excellent qualities. She holds communion with the children of earth to convince them that there is a Spirit-World, that has joys and pleasures unutterable for those whose life is characterized by benevolent deeds and philanthropic purposes. She takes pleasure in doing good, hence each evening she employs her leisure moments during the seance in making artificial flowers from zephyr and silver wire, emblematic of some sentiment, and which she presents to various ones in the circle, and which are highly prized as souvenirs. She is really a bright spirit, and her presence sheds a hallowed influence over the circle.

A spirit calling himself George Fox, is also always present at Mr. Bastian's circle. On one occasion he inspired the following

THROUGH THE MEDIUMSHIP
of Mrs. Woodforde:
A charmed circle will we make, and call
With loving songs the spirits from the land
Of everlasting Summer where they dwell.
And one whose gentle life is given up
To serve us mortals, and whose beings bright,
Will willing minister to them and us,
And in a death like trance be lost to earth,
Whilst we enjoy the blessed privilege
Of sweet communings with our loved and lost.
Unselfish serving thus, he'll win his crown
Of glory for the life to follow this.
We'll sing him softly to his tranced rest,
And on the waves of harmony upborne
Beyond our earth, by love's undying breath,
Our call a quick and glad response will meet;
For hearts above beat still in unison
With ours, and love is conqueror over all.
E'en matter, stubborn, dense, and hard to us,
In parted atoms flies at call of love.
Yes, love is potent, e'en to bring high God
To minister to all humanity.
Our loving brethren lifted from the flesh,
Bask not in idle glory out of reach,
But hast'ning here are glad to give their aid
When from our mortal lips the call goes forth.
For us they drag the burthen of the flesh
Again, and glide with slow and trembling steps,
And briefly stand before our raptured gaze;
And then, as though our earthly air did press
Too sorely on their evanescent shapes,
They sensitively shrink away, and pass
Behind the veil hung dark 'twixt them and us;
But soon, with strength renewed, again step forth
To bravely draw the breath of earth once more,
Their forms ethereal seeming like to melt
Before our gaze, as wreaths of mist at morn
Before the ardor of the sun's broad glare.
Their spirit garments fair and undefiled,
A fragrance from the higher spheres of life
Give forth, and we are minded of the time
When sad we sat and watched their earthly forms
Arrayed in garments of the grave; when flow-
ers
Were loving twined about their placid rest,
And mingled blossom-breaths with heavenly accents
By angels brought. We had not thought to see
Them stepping gently back to earth again
In robes new-woven by their power of will—
By thought outwrought from Nature's store-
house, air—
And fashioned as the spirits wear them in
Their homes far raised above our mortal ken.
We had not dreamed to grasp again on earth
Those dear, loved hands, encased in flesh like ours,
But purified, refined with subtle skill,
To hear again their voices' treasured tones.
Our breathing blessings of unchanging love,
Restraing thus to greet our earthly sight,
They prove that God-like spirit never dies.
Eternal conquerors of matter they,
By standing here once more in matter robed,
Reveal themselves; and simply teach us thus
The grandest lessons of this grandest age.
Oh, wondrous love! Oh, wondrous power that draws
Thro' Death's dark door the heart to answer ours!

Oh, love that knows no death, but faithful flies
From heaven and immortal life, to prove
Itself immortal, and that heaven is love!
With a spirit to give utterance to such exalted sentiments like the above, it is not strange that Mr. Bastian's circles are always attended with a high order of manifestations.
Malcolm Taylor is Mr. Bastian's constant companion. He is Clairvoyant and Clairaudient, and his presence in the dark circles give it additional charms, for he not only sees the spirits who present themselves, but can hear what they say.

The following autobiography will give our readers something of an idea of his history:

HISTORY OF MR. MALCOLM TAYLOR'S MEDIUMSHIP AS GIVEN BY HIMSELF.

"I was born in the year 1816, in Dundee, Scotland; my father was a native of the city of Glasgow; my mother, of Edinburgh. As with many other clairvoyant mediums, the gift of second sight is natural to me; since birth I have possessed that strange power of spiritual perception so common among the Scotch people. From childhood up, I have been subject to strange moody spells, in which I would sit alone and dream, as it were, and often in those states I saw things at a distance and in the future, which afterwards time and investigation would prove to be true. In all the years of my boyhood I was also conscious of seeing—not in the natural way, but apparently with other eyes, out of my forehead—large cloud like substances, which approximated to the form of human beings, but so vague and indistinct were they, that I thought them freaks of my imagination.

"Brought up in the strictest Orthodox manner, my father being president of one of the established churches in Dundee, I lived there until eleven years of age, when our family moved to America, and my father went into business in New York City. I was then sent to school. The power of spirit perception continued with me for the following six years in the same imperfect form, until my mother passed away from earth, and I entered business life in a large commercial house in New York, where, while at work at the desk, the faculty of discerning spirits fully developed itself, and the forms which heretofore I had seen but vaguely, became so plain and palpable, that I could no longer doubt my seeing them, although I could not account for my doing so.

"One day while engaged at the books I saw some one standing at my side, but supposing it to be one of my fellow-clerks, I took no notice of the person, until, chancing to look, I beheld a female the exact resemblance of my mother. Filled with amazement, I watched the form for a few minutes as it glided away, when, expecting of course that others had also seen her, I asked my companions who the lady was who had stood by me, and received the reply that 'no lady had been in the office, and if I had seen one I must have been asleep and dreaming.'

"After that, as time went on, I often saw the same, as well as other forms, in the same and at other places, and keeping the thing secret grew quite used to it. Then a new feature of mediumship added itself—that of a sense of hearing voices and sounds unheard by others.

"Thus, with my strange faculties, I lived for more than a year as if in two worlds, the spiritual and material, until hearing from a friend of some queer things he had witnessed while investigating the subject of Spiritualism, I told him my peculiar power, and went with him to a developing circle then meeting in the city. There, to my surprise, I met others who had the same faculty, and on describing the forms I saw, at the request of the sitters, I found on their being recognized that they were veritable spirits.

"After that, intensely interested, I continued to attend various circles and seances, using my gift in describing spirits, giving wonderful tests of identity, etc., until, undergoing development, I got so that I would be entranced and controlled by different spirits to speak and write; some spirits influenced me to give private communications, and often improvised passable verses of poetry.

"Finding, after a while, it was impossible for me to give proper attention to my duties with influences controlling me during business hours, by the advice of my spirit guides, and to the great displeasure of my friends in the form, I gave up my situation, and entered the field as a professional medium. I took rooms in New York, and gave private sittings with splendid success for some time, until meeting Mr. Bastian we entered into partnership, and since then have traveled as companions and co-workers in the cause of spirit communion."

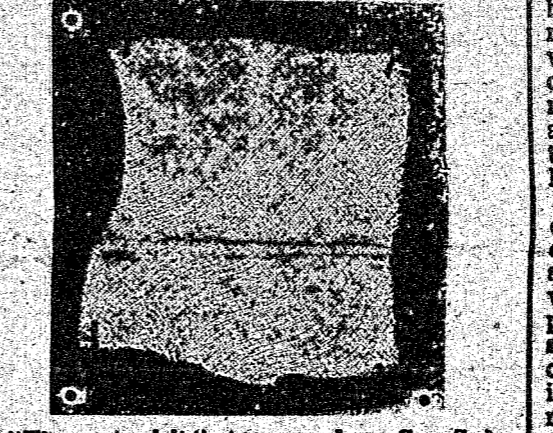
Mr. Taylor's mediumship is of a high order—seems to be natural—An spontaneous expression of the spirit within his physical organism, oversteering all barriers, and surveying what to others can be dispersed.

DUMONT C. DUKE,
the noted healer, attended one of Mr. Bastian's circles, and wrote about it as follows:

"While in Chicago we called upon several noted mediums—among them the excellent clairvoyant, Mary E. Weeks, 487 West Madison street, and there had the pleasure of forming the acquaintance of Hon. J. W. Parish, of Washington, D. C., a gentleman of refinement and marked executive ability, and a brave, outspoken, loyal-hearted Spiritualist without. We also met at the same place Mrs. O. D. Robbins, of St. Louis, Mo., a lady of culture and a good inspirational medium, who has been, and is to be, associated with the noted medium, Mrs. Hollis, of Louisville, Ky., about to locate in New York City. While there we were influenced, our control suggest-

ed that we all should meet at a private seance with Bastian and Taylor, and that splendid results would be obtained. Accordingly we met at the rooms of these noted mediums, and were joined by the well-known medium, Mrs. Crocker, her husband, Mr. C., and also Mr. Robins. We will omit the dark circle manifestations, which were wonderful, startling and convincing, and speak more particularly of the materialization of the spirits. Soon after Mr. Bastian retired to the cabinet, the face of a beautiful young lady appeared at the cabinet window, and was at once recognized by Mr. Parish as the materialized spirit, Miss Annie. After this she modestly opened the door of the cabinet, and stood in the doorway, life size, plainly and distinctly visible to all present. We were all spell bound as we gazed upon this angelic visitor, as she stood revealed to our enraptured eye the personification of grace and beauty. We held our breath with anxious expectation as she smilingly stepped toward us, placing two chairs about four feet from where we were seated. She then returned to the cabinet to gain new power, but soon came again into the room, and advancing, motioned and made Mr. Parish to understand that she wished him to take one of the chairs she had previously placed in position on her first appearance. On Mr. Parish taking a seat in same, she glided into the other chair by his side, tenderly caressed him, and affectionately kissed him. But before finally disappearing, she gave him as a memento quite a large piece cut from her dress—which afterwards greatly diminished in size. On examination it proved to be of a gauze-like texture, white and fleecy in character.

The following is a very accurate representation of its appearance as diminished in size.



"The next spirit that appeared was Gen. Sedgwick, who came outside the cabinet three times, and finally, in a bold, soldierly manner, walked to the line of the circle, some eight feet from the cabinet door, and gracefully leaned forward, in a gallant manner, and shook hands with Mrs. Robins, whom he was personally acquainted with.
"This ended the materializing, and with one accord we all deeply felt that we had been highly favored in witnessing such a glorious scene, and that it was one of the most pleasing episodes of our lives, the memory of which would never be erased from the brightest tablets of our memories.
"Our overjoyed souls were full to overflowing, and not an eye present but was moist with tears of joy at another link in connecting us to our spirit home, giving us the assurance that our beloved are not dead, but are with us—guardian spirits, helping earth's children to battle more valiantly against the ill and vicissitudes of this crude earth-life."

Col. B. F. Fly, a resident of Mexico, has been investigating Spiritualists since his arrival in this city, and has received the most astounding manifestations at Bastian and Taylor's circles. Spirits presented themselves to the aperture

FULLY MATERIALIZED, and engaged in conversation with him

IN SPANISH,
which must have been an excellent test, as not one in the audience besides himself knew a word of that language. His wife, to whom he seemed devotedly attached, materialized, but did not acquire sufficient strength to engage in conversation with him. He seemed to be elated with this method of holding communion with those who had passed to spirit-life, regarding it as one of the highest gifts of heaven. When a spirit approaches and fluently speaks a language unknown to all present but one in the room, it must be conclusive evidence that the manifestations are genuine.

At the same seance, Dr. Fuller, a noble looking spirit, and the controlling influence of Mrs. Casey, a lady of culture and refinement, appeared at the aperture, and held a conversation with her.

Mr. Bastian allows anyone to

THOROUGHLY SEARCH

his cabinet and examine his person, and it is not to be supposed that he is able to keep one of such nationality around, to play German, Italian, Scandinavian, Spanish, etc., etc., in order to deceive the people, and if he understands all these languages, having only received a common school education—that alone would be more of a marvel than the materializations themselves.

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 23, the manifestations were remarkably fine, both in the dark and the light seance. In the dark the wife of Mr. F., the niece of Mr. P., and the husband of Mrs. L., besides the controlling spirits communicated in audible voices, giving advice and opinion in regard to family matters. Other spirits were described by Mr. Taylor, and were recognized by various strangers present. In the light the three spirits mentioned above materialized and showed

their faces, the husband of Mrs. L. calling her up to the aperture, touched and talked to her quite strongly. The grandmother of a lady present, and the grandfather of a young man in the circle, also presented their faces, the latter to be recognized immediately by his grandson. The company, quite a harmonious one, separated at a late hour, all perfectly satisfied at the splendid results they had obtained.

And now comes

MRS. MARY DE GROOT,
of Louisiana, Mo., and gives the following:

BRO. JONES—Having arrived safely at home, I deem it my duty to the invisibles, the investigators of the phenomena of Spiritualism, and also to those who have become fully convinced of the truth of spirit manifestations, to send for publication, an account of a wonderful seance given by Mr. Harry Bastian on Friday night, Oct. 29th. As you are well aware, there was a terrible thunder storm in Chicago, on the evening named, which prevented the expected company from assembling. However, after the storm had subsided, it was agreed that we should go into the seance room, and have a talk with the spirits, as it was considered too stormy for manifestations. Accordingly the Mediums, Messrs. Bastian and Taylor, Mrs. DeGroot, Gen. Mrs. Robertson, myself and little daughter Lena, repaired to the seance room. We sat for the usual dark circle, and soon

SPIRIT VOICES

announced the presence of our unseen friends. May in her sweet soft voice welcomed us, while George in his deep impressive tones, assured us they would do all they possibly could, but that the night was unpropitious. Johnny in his jovial way passed some pleasantries with the company. May again spoke while caressing me, saying that she was going to make me something pretty to carry to Louisiana, and that she would help the baby materialize, so that we might see how pretty she had grown.

Soon after, George called for a light, and ordered the circle changed. Mr. Bastian now entered the cabinet, while we sat facing it, about seven feet distant. After singing and waiting some fifteen minutes, the curtains parted. The hand of an infant was plainly seen, holding a bouquet of flowers. Again the curtain parted, and the face of our little darling Costella May, clothed in ethereal loveliness appeared. We approached the aperture, and beheld her as plainly as in earth-life, and recognized our precious darling. Waving her little hand, the radiant vision faded and we saw her no more. George taking the trumpet, told Mr. Taylor to move the light to the side of the room, and to sit nearer to the cabinet. These arrangements having been complied with, we waited expectantly for further developments. Soon a beautiful face appeared at the aperture and took a survey of the room; then the cabinet door opened, and a lovely form, clothed in white,

STOOD ON THE THRESHOLD

seemingly, not strong enough to face the light. She stepped back, advanced again still a little farther, while we waited with bated breath, awe and admiration holding us dumb. Mr. Taylor addressed words of encouragement and cheer. Again she made the attempt to enter the room, this time succeeding. What a vision of ethereal beauty greeted our eyes. May, sweet May! one of Mr. Bastian's spirit band, stood fully materialized before our fascinated gaze; her slight form below the medium light, arrayed in a robe of spotless white, trailing gracefully on the floor, with a glimmering luminous sheen, unlike any texture in this earth sphere; long flowing sleeves of the same material, floated from her snowy well rounded arms; her hair of soft brown hue, was combed smoothly from her high brow, while on her head lightly rested a Mary Stuart Cap, of exquisite white lace, from it a long white lace veil, fell in rich beautiful folds to the bottom of her dress. Thus feebly, my pen has essayed to describe the radiant, heavenly being who stood before us; and oh, the ineffable joy, and gratitude, that filled our souls, as we beheld this

OWNING PROOF

of spirit return; and yet it was our lot to behold still more convincing proofs. Slowly and carefully advancing towards us, May first saluted Mr. Taylor, by giving him her hand; shaking hands with Mrs. Robertson, she passed on to little Lena, who not at all afraid of our spirit visitor, held up her face, which May took between her hands caressingly; passing along, she laid her hands on Mrs. DeGroot's head, and then she laid her marble cold hand in mine, placing the other one on my head, as if in benediction. Unable to control my feelings longer, I wept, and when I again looked she had receded into the cabinet.

Johnny now spoke, asking that the rather bright light be lowered. The light was moderated into a soft mellow twilight, everything within the circle being distinctly visible. A chair was also called for, and placed near the cabinet. All being in order, the cabinet door opened and May again entered the room, this time with more assurance, and taking the chair placed it close to Mr. Taylor, walking to the table some eight feet distant, she took up a small work basket, filled with zephyr, wire, needles and scissors, brought there at her request. Taking the basket, May sat down in the chair by Mr. Taylor, giving him the scissors to hold; winding the wire on a needle, she alight it off, and handed the needle to Mrs. Robertson, letting Mr. Taylor hold the shears; using the wire she wove with the zephyr, before us, a

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THE SCHOOLS.

Dr. Felsenthal Sends in a Counter-Protest—His Reason Why the Bible Should Not Be Used.

He Denies the Assertion That This Is a Christian State.

To the Board of Education.—GENTLEMEN.—A report of the proceedings of your honorable body in your meeting of Oct. 26, as published in the daily papers of the city, has come to my notice, and from the report I have learned that several of our fellow-citizens have protested against your late action concerning the abolition of the Bible reading in our public schools, and that you have referred these protests to the proper committee. As the discussion of the question whether the Bible should be retained in the public schools or not has thus again been reopened, I feel myself induced to appear before you with a counter-protest, and to submit to your honorable body the following: I am a citizen of Chicago, and, and, myself, children to the public school, and am, therefore, directly interested in the matter:

First of all, let me, as one among many, thank you for your recent action. In passing the resolution in question, you were animated by a spirit of genuine justice and fairness. Even if we should admit (which, however, we do not) that it is but a minority who favor the exclusion of the Bible from the schools, while a majority are for the retention of the Bible, would it not be an inexcusable, an undemocratic, an un-American tyrannizing of the minority by an accidental majority to force their religious views and practices upon the unwilling minority? Would it not be a disregard of the conscientious scruples and honest convictions of others, a contempt for the minority? To illustrate by example: What right and what justification have our fellow-citizens who would force the teaching of the Fourth Gospel, or of the Paulinian Epistle, upon the children of Israelites, and to such Jewish monotheists the theology of some of the so-called New Testament books must almost appear as polytheistic, and therefore decidedly repulsive. Now, would it not be an outrageous proceeding thus to apply the barbaric "loi de plus fort" and to place might before right?

But it seems that, in the eyes of our protesting fellow-citizens, Jews, Catholics, Liberal Christians, members of free religious associations, and so forth, have no rights which good Paritans Christians are bound to respect. "This is a Christian country," so say the signers of the protest, "and ours is a Christian civilization."

They emphasize this sentence, and repeat it several times in different variations. It is indeed astonishing, that the Protestants (amongst whom are some of our profound jurists and lawyers), should have given vent to such a monstrous assertion.

Neither in fact nor in law has this assertion the least foundation. On the contrary, this is not a Christian civilization. If the expressions "Christian country" and "Christian civilization" shall not be considered meaningless, hollow phrases, but if a sense is to be connected therewith, then these expressions have no other meaning than the following, viz: The distinguishing features of Christianity are characterizing all our public and private life, and the superstructure of our polity is based upon the foundation of this peculiar Christianity. What are the distinguishing features of Christianity? said to give character to our country and our civilization? I suppose that our protesting fellow citizens will not claim that Christian dogmatism is thus all-prevailing. For this would be such a flagrant contradiction of the existing state of things that even the dimmest eye would perceive it as such. But they will probably insist that Christian ethics are at the bottom of all modern civilization, and that this spirit is permeating all the public life of our country and our American institutions. Let us examine this assertion for a moment. The distinguishing features of Christian ethics whereby the same differ from all other ethical systems, are love, meekness, submission even to wrong (Matt. v. 39 to 41; Luke vii. 29; I. Corinthians vi. vii.). As sublime and idealistic as the principle of "love" and of submission to wrong appears upon first sight, it is nevertheless a fact that in our sublimary world and in real life it is not carried out, and can not be carried out, and ought not to be carried out. Not submission to wrong, not meek suzerainty of injustice, but standing up manfully for his rights and battling for the same. If necessary, with all energy and courage, resisting and resisting wrong with all might and main. That it is, and not Christian "love," that characterizes our modern civilizations. The modern world regards it even as a moral duty for a man to battle for his rights, for in standing up for his own rights the individual assists in better securing for human society right and justice in abstracts. Instead of the Christian doctrine, "Suffer injustice," the modern non-Christian, or perhaps anti-Christian, civilization teaches, "Do not suffer injustice; resist it; and if any one smite you on your right cheek, do not turn to him your left cheek, but strike back; have him properly punished, and help thereby to maintain the virtues of justice and manhood in the world." Such are the un-Christian ideas permeating the politics in all Christendom and the codes of all modern States, and in no State of the Union, nor any where else, is there a law-book which is characterized by Christian "love," and which, therefore, could be designated "Christian."

It is very true that in these latter days attempts have been made to pervert the spirit of our public institutions and to Christianize our institutions and constitutions. Would these dangerous attempts be crowned by success, then hundreds of thousands of American citizens would be outlawed as one Roger Williams was at a time when Massachusetts was yet a "Christian State," and even a Socrates, a Seneca, a Marcus Aurelius, a Spinoza, would not be allowed to enjoy equal rights with the Christians. These dangerous attempts engendered by ignorance, bigotry, and fanaticism (and the protest which is submitted to you which so boldly proclaims the ominous Christian State idea, belongs to that category of dangerous onslaughts), must therefore be withstood; they must be crushed; they must be killed off in the beginning. Our country, our laws, our literature, our whole civilization, must remain where they are—non-Christian.

The signers of the protest and their friends can not complain that they are robbed of the Bible in consequence of your late resolution prohibiting the reading of the Protestant Bible in the schools. For they can have all the Bible reading they desire in their families, in their churches, in their Sabbath-schools, and none will hinder them.

But we go further, and maintain that the Bible, in its integrity, is no fit text-book at all for our schools. Much of its contents is of very little value, or of no value at all, for educational purposes. There are stories in the Bible of such a character that no father of a family would select them for the edification of his family. There is much in it that can only be of interest to the antiquarian, or to the specialist in Israel's history, but which can hard-

ly be expected to be of great moral influence upon the children and upon men in general. There are whole chapters and whole books which are beyond the comprehension of the unlearned, and which can only be correctly understood by the aid of special historical, archeological, and linguistic studies, and if the Bible is read unaided by such auxiliary studies, such reading does and can but fill the mind of the majority with misconceptions and totally erroneous ideas. It is, for all these reasons, therefore, not to be wondered at that there is scarcely a head of a household who does not whilst reading from the Bible in his family wish that there were expurgated editions of the Bible as there are of Shakespeare. And if we would have such editions of the Bible for the people there would still remain enough of the sublime moral laws, of inspired orations of the Prophets, of the divine hymns of the Psalms, of the Proverbs full of true wisdom, etc., that would in reality be edifying and of most wholesome influence upon the formation of character in men. To edit such a people's Bible which would give satisfaction to all concerned is, however, a very difficult task, the solution of which can hardly be expected in our days.

This is not the proper place to enter into an argument with the pious Christians whether such selections from the Bible,—whether sacred anthologies are admissible and desirable or not. To the one fact, however, I would call attention, that the Jewish redactors of the Hebrew text and the oldest translators of the original into other languages, when recognizing offensive anthropomorphisms in the Biblical accounts of the Almighty, have frequently and purposely tried to soften them down or to obliterate them altogether. Every Biblical scholar knows this, and those who do not know it may be referred to Geiger's "Urschrift der Bibel," or to the more accessible article of the Orthodox Anglican minister, G. D. Gunsberg on "Versions of the Bible," in Kitzler's Cyclopaedia. Surely, the simple statement of facts like these should serve to warn us from that blind Bibliolatry, in which so many have been brought up, without endangering in the least the true veneration for the Scriptures which every one will foster in his heart who really understands and appreciates the Divine contents of Israel's literature. The statement of such facts like these should also serve to demonstrate the inadmissibility of a people's Bible, of a revision of the Bible such as took place among the Jews after the return from Babylon.

But, why should I continue to speak on this subject? I do not flatter myself to be able to convert those who, like heathens worship the letters of the Bible, but to whom, notwithstanding this, the Bible is a book with seven seals. No argument will be powerful enough to stop them in their cry, "The Bible for our public schools! The entire Bible! King James Bible, with all its errors and with all its false headings and summaries over the chapters!" Let them go on in their unjustifiable demands, in their unholty endeavors to nullify freedom of conscience, in their medieval attempts to "Christianize" our Constitution and disfranchise one-half or three-fourths of the United States. Let them go on, but of you, gentlemen of the Board of Education, it is expected that you will do your duty as true Americans, and act in fairness and justice towards all.

While we most decidedly dissent from the main course of ideas in the protest laid before you, we do not hesitate to say that to some thoughts of the same we subscribe most heartily and declare our full assent. The protest says that "mere intellectual culture, unless controlled by moral principles, is liable to become a curse instead of a blessing." This is most certainly true. "The State has a right," so the protest says, in another place, "to train the future citizen in good morals." We assent and add: The State has not only a right,—it has more than this,—it has the duty to provide for the moral training of the rising generation. The American States and local communities do greatly neglect their duty in this respect. Our schools suffer under this great fault, that they pay too little attention to the education of the children, and lay all stress upon instruction,—instruction in practical branches of studies, utility,—this guiding star in American school-rooms. But ought this to be the chief aim and object of our schools? Have they fulfilled their great and holy task when they produce good arithmeticians, efficient bookkeepers, smart business men? Is it the main end of our American schools to go to bring up our youth that they may successfully run along in the race after riches? Certainly not. Our schools ought to strive after higher ideas. They should be among the most mighty foci for elevating the nation to a higher plane of morality. The too realistic and materialistic character of American schools should be counterbalanced by introducing into the same a number of such studies which would, if of reasonable value in practical life, have the tendency to ennoble the heart, to better the sentiments, to purify the will, and to give to the mind a higher turn.

To bring forth such a result I would respectfully suggest that your honorable body pass rules and regulations of the following contents: The classes shall be opened every morning with appropriate songs. To this singing ten minutes shall be devoted. The next thirty minutes in the first morning hour shall be devoted to instruction in unsectarian studies, and in the two highest grades of empirical philosophy. It is not difficult to grade properly the rich material of un denominational ethics. In the lower grades instructions might be given on the duties of children to themselves, to their parents, teachers, playmates, grown people in general, etc. In a higher grade the hearts might be impressed with the duties of masters towards servants, and of servants towards masters, with the mutual relations of members of a family, with the ideas of faithfulness in one's station in life, with the duties of the citizen towards the State and the Government, etc. In the next grade a systematized course of ethics might be gone through, and here would be the proper place to define such conceptions of virtue and vice, good and evil, truth and untruth. Egotism as the root of all evil might be shown up properly, characters of men might be analyzed, and so forth. For the highest grades, as we have indicated above, empirical philosophy might be instructed in to the great advantage of the moral elevation of the children. In the imparting of such lessons we would deem it proper (and we believe none would object to this) to quote carefully selected verses from the Bible and to have them memorized by the children, or to relate stories from sacred history as well as from profane history in illustration of the lessons given, which thereby might be made highly interesting, and captivating to the children. I do not know whether there be such text-books of unsectarian ethics extant. If there should none such exist which you consider suitable for your purpose, it might be a wise action if the honorable Board would offer a prize of several hundred dollars for the best graded text-book in un denominational ethics.

In perusing the foregoing document once more, I find that I have given a very deficient and incomplete definition of the "Christian State," in whose behalf the signers of the protest have entered the arena so defiantly, and who now, presuming the Christian State to ex-

ist with us, draw from this presumption their remarkable conclusion in regard to the Bible in the public schools. Desirous that the present counter-protest be brought before this honorable Board of Education, without delay, and, therefore, not having time for copying it once more, and inserting what I wish to add in its proper place, I ask respectfully to be pardoned when I make some additional remarks in the form of a postscript.

A "Christian State" means not only a State whose institutions and laws are permeated by the spirit of Christian ethics, but it means a State wherein the Christian Church, or a branch of it, is acknowledged as a ruling State Church. So were the Papal States and the Kingdom of Naples Christian States as long as they existed, because they recognized only one branch of the Christian religion and the Christian Church, viz. the Roman Catholic Church, and Jews, Protestants, etc., could live there by sufferance only. So were Mecklenburg and Norway, until a short number of years ago, Christian States, because their Constitutions declared the Protestant religion as the State religion and non-Protestants were denied equal rights with Protestants. So was Maryland forty or fifty years ago still a Christian State, because her Constitution then enforced contained the clause that only believers in the Trinity were eligible or appointable to State offices. So was North Carolina not long ago still a Christian State, because her Constitution insisted that State offices could only be filled by confessors of the Christian religion. So was England a Christian State before she emancipated the Catholics in 1829 and opened the gates of the Parliament to the Jews in 1858, and of her it may well be said to-day that she is a Christian State, because there is an established State Church there to whose support Catholics, Jews, and Dissenters are forced to pay their contributions, because some high clerical dignitaries of the State Church are ex officio sitting as members in the upper House of Parliament. But happily our Union, and the States in our Union, have now all refuted the obsolete Christian State idea. They have broken the chains which the Christian Church have riveted. God be praised that Church and State are separated in our country. God be praised that the Constitutions of the United States and of all the several States are now all freed from this danger-breeding idea. God be praised that they are "atheistical," as they have been accused to be by some over zealous dark warriors who desire to overcome the nineteenth century and to restore the fourteenth century. God be praised that this has been accomplished in our Union, and may not our Constitutions and States remain atheistical just as well as our manufactures, our banks, our commerce are. And in the face of this clear fact, in the face of the fact that everywhere in the civilized world there still some remnants of the medieval Christian States are remaining, the nations are trying to throw off that yoke, and to throw it to the rubbish of the past ages—in the face of these facts our protesting fellow-citizens maintain that this is a Christian State and a Christian Government! It is strange indeed that prominent and educated gentlemen and particularly lawyers, who should have known better, should sign their names under such a wild, unfounded, and untrue statement, and upon the basis of this bottomless statement they should come forward and demand that the Christian Bible, the Protestant Bible, the Old and the New Testament, should be text-books in our schools, and the Christian dogmas and views should be instilled into the hearts of all the children in the land, the children of the non-Christian nations included. Gentlemen of the Board of Education: It would, no doubt, be an insult to you were we to express the fear that you would give countenance and support to the views of the protest. We are, on the contrary, confident that you will all side firmly and unshakably with the nineteenth century and make front against the fourteenth century, and that you will not undo your former action in regard to the Bible in the public schools.

Very Respectfully,
Chicago, Ill. B. FELSENTHAL.

CHURCH AND STATE.

A Catholic Priest on the Public School Question—Our Educational System Declared to Be a Persecution of the Roman Church.

"The Church Infallible in Everything"—The Catholics Must Be Catholics Politically.

LECTURE BY THE REV. JOSEPH HERNING ON "THE PERSECUTION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH," AT ST. LOUIS, MO.

The reverend speaker took for his text the words of St. Paul, "This is the victory which conquers the world—our faith." Persecution is the inheritance on earth left by Jesus Christ to His Church. The Church must be persecuted. Persecution is the condition in which the Church must live, and in which all her children must share. Persecution is the divine stigma impressed upon the brow of the Church by the hand of Him who, from the cradle to the cross, and from the cross to the tomb, was persecuted. As we are standing on the threshold of a war in this once free but now enslaved, land of our birth and our adoption, it becomes of the greatest importance to us to know what we are bound to believe about persecutions, and what we are bound to do in the time of persecution. In the first place, we are bound to believe that persecutions will not destroy the Church. All that which is built up by the hand of man can also be pulled down by the hand of man. We see that every day in our experience, and we find the realization of these principles of common sense written upon every page of the world's history. The works of man carry in themselves the germ of their own destruction; the seed of their own downfall. The Church—that organic Church which exists now and which has existed through all ages from the time of Jesus Christ; that Church which is organized under its Bishops, which is in communion with a visible head—is indestructible because founded by Christ, who promised, "Thou art a rock; and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against her." The enemies of God have done all in their power, have sought to prevail against her by persecutions of every description—persecutions in the shape of diabolical tortures; in the shape of cruel deaths at the stake, on the block, in the amphitheatres, by wild beasts, in the dungeons; in the shape of exile and expatriation; in the shape of confiscation of property; in the shape of excommunication from offices of public trust, and excommunication in the shape of bad books, and calumny, and slander; and in the shape of unprincipled journalism and secret societies. We are bound to believe that persecutions will not destroy the true Church. "They have persecuted me," said Christ, "but they will not prevail against me." These things I tell you.—Have they not—that when they have persecuted you will remember

that I foretold them to you. Pick out among all those who call themselves Christians, that body of men that has been persistently persecuted since the first ages of Jesus Christ. You will have the true Church of Jesus Christ. Look at the Church now in Germany, in Spain, in Italy, in South America, even here in these free United States? Tell me what are the laws that are made every day in the different Legislatures but persecutions of the Catholic Church? What is the meaning of compulsory education? What is the meaning of raising up the public school in violation of the laws of equity and justice, but persecutions of the Catholic Church? What is the meaning of the hue and cry that is raised every day against a candidate, if he happens to be a Roman Catholic, but persecutions against the Church? What was the Know-Nothing movement but opposition to the Catholic Church? Did not they burn our convents, destroy our churches, tear down our schools? Is not that persecution? The Catholic Church, whether in Europe or America, in Asia or Africa, has always been persecuted. As Christ suffered throughout his career on earth, and was crowned with thorns, so the Church, which is the body of Christ, has always suffered, and must suffer to the end. We must believe, too, that persecution is a benefit to the Church. It is to the Church what fire is to gold. It separates the good wheat from the tares sown by the evil one. How is it that the apostate that leaves the Church—the lustful ex-Carmelite—is received by respectable people with joy and a certain air of triumph, and that they will crowd the public hall to listen to the immoral outpourings of an ex nun who has left her convent and is leading a life of immorality,—that they will go on their knees and lick the spittle from the boots of every professor who apostatizes from the Catholic Church, especially if he has been a professor of history and philosophy in a university under the protection of the blood and iron. These facts alone are a magnificent proof that persecutions are a benefit to the Church. Lastly, we must believe that persecution will end. As the life of Christ was a transition from suffering to glory, that of the Church is a constantly repeated transition from suffering to glory, and from glory to suffering, and will be until the final glory to suffering, and then there will be no more suffering. When that transition is waged against the Church will also end. When, I don't know, God alone knows that. I know that events are marching fast, and if the signs of the times do not deceive me the triumph of the Church is not far off. If I am not mistaken, the scepter of Europe is passing fast out of the hands of the German Empire into the hands of the Empire of Russia; who will overrun Europe with barbarous hordes until, like Attila, he will stand before the gates of Rome, and then will be converted, and then the great schism that has separated Russia and the East from the Church for so many years, and the East and the West will unite in a Te Deum, the echoes of which will wake from pole to pole. The time is not far off when there will come a time of peace and quiet; when Infidelity and Protestantism—Protestantism as a religion has long ceased to exist; it is running on its last legs, and I am sure it can't run far—will be swept from the face of the earth.

In conclusion, the speaker admonished them that it was their first duty as Catholics to pray for the Church. A second duty was to work for the Church. How many of you, for instance, make it a point—whether intentionally or not—to separate your politics from your religion, your social life from your religious life, as if these things had nothing at all to do with each other. They will say religion is good enough for the Church on Sunday; good enough for the confessional; good enough where there is a question of hearing sermons; but when there is a question of our social life, of our political life, then religion must be put aside. "This is their principle, and I am sorry to say, a great many act on these principles. This principle is nothing but the principle of infidelity, of atheism; it is political and social atheism. There is no such thing as an absolute independence of the State from the Church. The Church, as we are all bound to believe as Catholics, is infallible. She is infallible in faith; she is infallible in everything—in morals as well as in faith, and it follows that the State can never be absolutely separated from the Church, from the declaration of independence of the State, from the Church is simply political atheism. God has appointed the Church as his interpreter in morals, as no State can exist with morality, no State can exist separate from the Church. It follows that a Catholic must be a Catholic in his social, in his political life, as well as in his religious life.

Now, take, for example, the question of school, of education. How many are there of those who leave the education of their children in the hands of the school-teachers, instead of doing all in their power to build up those of the Church? These people don't work for the Church; they work into the hands of the enemies of the Church, and if the Church is persecuted by the enemies of her children, she is also persecuted by those of her children. Again, how many never consider when they go to the polls that that duty has anything to do with religion. They imagine, that politics and religion must have nothing at all to do with each other. The consequence is more and more gaining the upper hand in this country, that Catholics are being ground more and more into the dust, and it will soon go so far that Catholics will be persecuted here with more brutality and bitterness than they are now in Germany—all through the fault of those indifferent Catholics who will not work for the Church. It is the duty of every Catholic to vote for a Catholic candidate; for one who is not opposed to the Catholic religion; for one who is not an enemy of the Church; and it is the duty of every faithful Catholic to vote against those Catholics who are enemies of our Church and of our holy faith.

The enemies of the Church have already given us an inkling of what they are going to do. They are going to make an issue which will create a fearful amount of bad blood, and I am sorry to say that this issue has been made most loudly from the lips of one who calls himself the President of these United States. This issue is the question of education, and this issue will be nothing else but a cry against Popery; a cry against the Catholic faith; a cry against the increase of Catholicity in America. It is nothing else but a war. We must make use of all the legitimate means in our power in this struggle that we must face like men—not violence, not revolution, but the ballot, that we, as citizens of the United States, have the right to use as we please. We have the right to act according to the dictates of our religion; and if we are good Catholics, we will fight according to our faith. It is a great shame when Catholic voters allow themselves to be bribed with a few dollars or a few drinks of whiskey; it is a great shame when Catholics perform their duty as citizens without any regard to the holy faith. Our duty as Catholics is to work for our religion, for the increase of Catholicity, for the promotion of the faith, for the Christian education of our children, for the success of Catholicity in America; and to do this, not by illegitimate means, but those that are given to us by the Constitution and laws of the land.

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We avail ourselves of the occasion presented by the issue of the second edition of this volume, by Dr. Wolfe, of criticising its more salient features, and discussing its many strong claims to the readers of spiritualistic literature.

In his preface the author says: "This book contains a record of mental and physical phenomena, witnessed by the author, for which is claimed supernatural origin. It may properly be called a Journal of his personal experience for twenty-five years, while investigating the various phases of Modern Spiritualism."

He further says that "when he began to pursue these inquiries, he had no reliable evidence that there was any life, after death had fixed its seal upon the human form."

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He writes in an earnest, vigorous style, setting himself straight to his task and unflinchingly pursuing it. He hates sham and deception of every kind and if he errs it is in his sweeping denunciation of trance and "shut-eyed" mediums. He very truly says:

"There is no subject to which the investigating mind can be invited, where it may be so egregiously deceived and so grossly imposed upon as that which appertains to the phenomena of Spiritualism. He who undertakes to examine it critically, must sharpen his wit, and not be over credulous to believe, or ready to condemn as gospel, all that he sees and hears." Again page 76:

"It is hardly necessary to say that I have but little confidence in the pretensions of trance speakers. As a class in this respect, they are not reliable. I have heard the best of them, and rarely have I listened to their utterances under the so-called divine afflatus that exalted in thought the mental births of their normal conditions."

"The opponents of Spiritualism could scarcely say more in stronger language. He castigates E. V. Wilson in a manner anything but 'gentle,' and because he exhibits supporting facts, his lash has an especial smart. From these facts he infers 'that Wilson's seership is a fraud, and his clear-hearing is no better. As to whether he (Wilson) is self-deceived or is unscrupulously deceiving others, the candid reader must decide for himself. It is obvious to every intelligent mind, however, that Spiritualism is brought into undeserved reproach by the conduct of charlatans.

From this we shall fully agree with Dr. Wolfe, when he says:

"I am not in sympathy with sham, tricksters or scoundrels. Time-servers will find no friendly office at my hand. Spiritualism presents itself to my mind as the grandest revelation of truth vouchsafed to modern times. Its advent constitutes a new hope and a new era for the world. It embodies a religious thought that will ultimately pervade the minds of all men, and redeem the world from the error and wrong under which it has long suffered. Millions will defend it, when its teachings and authority are understood. Impositors may retard its advent and tarnish its fair name; but it will at last triumph over all opposing conditions, and stand before mankind as the embodied voice of God to the human race."

The author relapses into a more charitable mood and writes: (Page 95.)

"The mental organization of man is too imperfectly understood for us to sit in sober judgment and pronounce upon its capabilities. Few men have any just conception of the sublime possibilities of human nature. When we reflect that every man has wrapped up in himself the capacity to reproduce all that ever has been achieved by the human family, we should pause before deciding upon the extent of his powers. Hence are we not liable to err in our judgment when we refer mental phenomena to a superhuman origin, which may be shown a priori to be the legitimate product of an over-stimulated or excited brain?"

And shall we not add for reason that the human organism is so 'imperfectly understood.' Shall we not be cautious in pronouncing on all mental phenomena? Is it not as erroneous to refer them all to the action of the mind itself as to spiritual influences?"

Truly Dr. Wolfe says:

"It is evident to the careful observer that media for mental phenomena frequently represent what may be called mixed influences. That is the spirit may get a partial control or power to manifest itself through the organization of the medium while the will-power is but partially obeyant. When such conditions exist the spirit and the medium will jumble their ideas and the communications will be limp and unsatisfactory."

This of necessity represents the large majority of mediums, for in the best the control can not be from the nature of things, be perfect. As this perfection is arrived at by practice, entailing constant blunders and imperfect utterances, it is not unjust to repudiate and censure the undeveloped stages. The best writing mediums scrawl and scribble at first. The best clairvoyants in the beginning are dull of sight.

If we cut away from Spiritualism all that its trance mediums have done, will it not have suffered an irreparable loss. The experience of Dr. Wolfe was severe, but because one or more trance speakers were frauds, does not prove the trance state to be an impossibility.

To expose deception is at all times in order, and they who put on this lively of heaven for vile purposes, deceiving in the most holy matters of the love and memory of the sacred dead, should be gibbeted in the winds of the world's scorn. In doing so let us not exorcise the innocent and the true, nor in our heat overlook the principles involved.

Dazzled by the brilliancy of the series of physical phenomena he has witnessed, Dr. Wolfe may be pardoned for not giving the mental side its due importance.

Few Spiritualists will agree with him when he says that in view of the "less equivocal evidence of this grand truth furnished by physical phenomena, it would be no great loss even were mental phenomena dropped entirely from sight."

Yet there is cogency in his position that he has "more confidence in the physical than in the mental phenomena," for "a fact is a central truth already established. The philosophy of a fact may be corrupted in the whirligig speculations of an erratic idealist."

Dr. Wolfe gives more credence to the mental side of Spiritualism than would be inferred from these passages, for his physical facts are barren until vivified by the mental.

The author's plain, practical common sense, to expose the dangers inherent in organization, with keen scalpel he dissects the subject and exposes the root of the evil. The crisp and caustic passage is too good not to quote:

"A new worshipping sect is proposed and chartered rights are invoked for their protection. Let sturdy men be alert, and slow to encourage the organization of a Spiritualistic Church. The proposition comes from the 'Greeks,' those who would be high priests in the new Synagogues, or from pitiful incompetents. What does organization mean but the surrender of your manhood into the hands of officers? Men don't think alike. Why should they act alike? Bigots and dogmatists form societies, and build churches, and curse the world. Truthful, honorable, noble men and women are not clannish. Truth is as free as the air, as pervading as the sunshine." "Spiritualism is not a religion in a partisan sense. It is greater than this: 'It is a science, with no church and no promulgated prayer to sustain it, it constructs itself a power to rescue mankind from the sin of ignorance, from the crime of false worship.' * * * To betray this science into the hands of a wily priestcraft is to betray the dearest interests of humanity to its worst enemies."

"Spiritual priests are no more to be trusted than others who claim in an orthodox way to be spiritual teachers."

Dr. Wolfe here exposes the motives which have impelled many to organization, yet there are many who honestly and zealously believe organization essential to progress. They mistake the genus of Spiritualism. They regard it as a form of religion, an extension of Christianity, and daily endeavor to place its new wine in the old bottles.

The words of the author should be emblazoned in gold:

SPIRITUALISM IS A SCIENCE. The science of life, and infinitely transcends all organic forms or social organizations. The old church forms are effete, and incapable of holding its divine truths. The mediator, the priest, the confessor of faith will please stand out of the sun light.

The larger portion of the book is devoted to the phenomena as they occurred through the mediumship of Mrs. Hollis. As such it is intensely interesting and of high value, and when the future history of Spiritualism is written, will be a store house of information.

There are many lengthy communications from Josephine, introduced, and although it may be impossible to pronounce from their style as to their authenticity, yet they are intrinsically of sufficient merit to warrant such assumption, which can be said of their authors.

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The author has been criticised for the severity with which he handles sham and imposture, but his brave words are needed to assure careful observation.

The *ipse dixit* of mediums and spirits has too long been unquestioningly received, and it is to be hoped the day of accurate observation, and study is not far distant, when facts shall be so thoroughly tested and carefully recorded there can be no question of their authenticity, and thus the demands of science be fully complied with. Then Spiritualism will be elevated to the rank which it has always claimed, a demonstrable and demonstrated branch of knowledge.

Letter From J. H. Harter.

BRO. JONES.—If space will permit, please state in your faithful JOURNAL, that I am today celebrating the fifty-fifth anniversary of my journey in earth-life, and the twenty-first of my married life.

On Saturday and Sunday, the 20th and 21st ult., we held in this city, a spiritual reunion, which was well attended, and for bigoted Auburn, was considered a success. The speakers, A. A. Wheelock, Mrs. Dr. Kimball, Mrs. Dr. Phillips, John Corwin and others, all acquitted themselves nobly in expounding the beauties, glories, principles and philosophy of Spiritualism. It is hoped that much good will result from this reunion.

My old friend and school mate, Hon. J. M. Peebles, whom I have known intimately, and well, for the past thirty-three years, was invited to be present on the occasion, but from over pressing duties was unable to attend, yet wrote me a letter, from which the following is an extract:

"And so you are to have a two days Spiritualist meeting in Auburn. Heartily do I pray that it may prove a success, edifying the saints and converting the sinners. Were it not for this constant press of literary work, I should be a partaker with you in the joys of the occasion. The mention of Auburn, calls to mind a multitude of pleasant reminiscences. It was here that I first heard the spirit rappings, minute in themselves, yet mighty in demonstrating a future existence.

The Hon. Vincent Kenyon,—blessings upon him,—invited me, while preaching in Kelloggsville, to accompany him on a visit to Mrs. Tomlin, a rapping medium, of Auburn. With that swelling self-confidence peculiar to young clergymen; I smiled a half reluctant assent; but under the smile there nestled a sneer. However, if I went to laugh, I returned to pray. It was the entering wedge, the scattered seed, the first fruits of an after harvest. As was then prophesied, Spiritualism has become a great power with believers and public exponents, in all the enlightened portions of the world. Not only did I meet Spiritualists in China, India and Egypt, but I found my own, and the published works of others in the distant Orient.

Spiritualism has its sunny and its shady side. Excesses have attached themselves to it as do parasites to a ship. It is passing through a crisis. Criticism though often marvellous, is at times necessary. Pure gold does not fear the refiner's fire. Mischief-makers, liars, slanderers, impostors, and spiritualistic 'tramps' are being proven such; while true and genuine mediums as well as cultured lecturers, with the good of humanity at heart, are meeting with unprecedented success.

Behind present clouds lurks the sunshine—under the ice flow crystal streams—over us is heaven with its ministering angels, and the future as seen from the Mount of Vision, is rainbow crowned and golden with the fruitage of purity and truth.

While I say down with creeds and up with freedom—down with popes and up with the people—down with theology and up with a rational religion, I would add, let us deal gently with those who honestly differ from us. How musical are these Biblical words, 'A bruised reed would he not break.' 'Father, forgive them,' 'But the greatest of these is Charity.' To me, the precepts and marvels of Jesus—the records of the New Testament and Spiritualism, rightly understood, are in perfect accord.

It gratifies me to learn that Bro. A. A. Wheelock is to be with you as a speaker. He is earnest, able and eloquent, and he advocates Spiritualism, because he believes in its heavenly principles. And to you my Brother, whom I have known for more than thirty years, and

known to esteem and love as one of God's anointed,—as an honest man and practical reformer, let me say,—'Be not weary in well doing.' If poor in this world's goods you are rich in faith, rich in the knowledge of immortality, rich in the kind words you have spoken, rich in the good deeds you have done, rich in the blessings you have conferred upon your fellowmen. Angels await your coming, and the coming of all faithful souls, to the better land of beatific bliss."

In regard to Auburn, I would say that we have a population of about 20,000. Auburn State Prison and Auburn Theological Seminary, are prominent among the public institutions. Seventeen religious organizations exist among us, representing different sects, all of which are more or less bigoted and intolerant, saying all manner of evil falsely against the few but earnest Spiritualists. An application was recently made to our sheriff for the use of the Court House in which to hold a Spiritualist meeting, but was indignantly rejected, an Auburn Editor in his paper justifying the sheriff in refusing the Court House to the Spiritualists, or 'ghost makers' as he termed them, urging that they be compelled to 'hire a hall' if they wished to hold meetings. The Hall has been hired, the meetings held, and the Spiritualists are jubilant and active.

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17.—"The free-love movement is dead in America, and we need not be afraid of a ghost. Mediums may get under the "influence" of these for a moment, but the hard-headed are safe. What are the facts? Mrs. Woodhull's paper has abandoned the advocacy of free-love doctrines months ago, has reduced its size one-half, and its columns are chiefly filled with lugubrious harangues plentifully interlarded with Scripture texts...

West" as a medium, is just now threatening to sue Mr. S. S. Jones, of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL. Mr. Wilson bases his claim on the fact that the report has damaged him in the eyes of his old patrons...

It shows that the gospel of lust does not pay—American Spiritualists close their doors against its advocates. The morality or philosophy of the matter is of small account to such men as Wilson, who a few years ago made it his business to vilify our good brother J. M. Peebles; but when the stomach has to bear the brunt then a new form of conscientiousness—if not conscience—comes to the rescue of good behaviour...

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In our previous article we alluded to prevalent errors in regard to various matters connected with this mundane sphere of ours, and concluded by offering a reward of \$750.00 for any information which will lead to the arrest and detention of his Satanic Majesty, the Devil! In doing so our motives were of a philanthropic nature, and the leading characteristics of our ambition to relieve the world of a pest! Who will not say, "God speed you in your undertaking." The millennium, the glorious millennium when the lion and lamb will lie down together, and sewing circles and editors be not at all; when it will not require the application of greenbacks to repair a broken down character, or a bottle to hold the elixir of life; when the great cry that Katie did or Katie didn't will be heard of no more, the Holmeses being changed into respectable angels and on good terms with the Brooklyn Society; when Col. Oleott's elementary spirits will be taught good manners, common sense, and ordinary politeness; when Mrs. Woodhull will, under the divine inspiration of the erudite Demosthenes, make speeches contradicting everything she has said,—admission free,—while Stephen Pearl Andrews will, dressed in deep mourning, travel over the world to aid those who have broken one or more bones in wrestling with his extraordinary teachings—such for example, as this, that "if these analogies be accepted as correct, and further investigation will tend constantly to confirm them,—then any absolute Separation of Heaven from Hell or of Transcendentalism from Experimentalism, such as did not leave them still in a constant and vital connection through the Intermediate Region symbolized by the Neck and Throat, has its Analogue in the destructive process of Decapitation, or in its representative, Throat-cutting. This has been, in fact, hitherto, the favorite method of Suicide, both in Theology and Philosophy. Abstraction (drawing asunder) carried to the Absolute, is always Death."

ment and religion! What would a visitor from Venus (where the millennium has been established, we will suppose) infer, should he visit this earth, and peruse our current literature. Supposing he should read that Gen. Tracy, one of Beecher's lawyers, was one of the bravest of the brave, and that he had courageously charged at the head of his columns on many a bloody battle field, and after the contest, had been seen combing cannon balls and bullets out of his hair! Why, he would desire to see him at once, and would regard him as the greatest curiosity of the age. In viewing our gorgeous churches, their tall steeples towering skyward, and their massive stone fronts emblematic of endurance and stability; he would consider them, no doubt, the grand moral lever to lift the world from its degraded position, and illuminate it with a knowledge that would banish superstition and ignorance; but should he happen to read the statement of Mr. Comstock, (the general agent of all Christian denominations, to suppress obscene publications and prevent their transmission through the mails)—that there is one man in New York City, a Baptist church member of twenty-five years' standing, who has printed 148,000 obscene books for a dealer in obscene kind of literature—would not this erudite visitor from a sister planet, smell an unsavory odor issuing from "holy" places, and would he not come to the conclusion that hypocrisy is one of the leading characteristics of a religious life? And supposing, too, that this highly cultured gentleman from the planet Venus should take up a daily paper and read of the girl who hated her suitor to such an extent, that when he called to see her on Sunday evening, she threw her arms around him, and squeezed him almost to death, alarming the youth so that he didn't call again until the next evening! Why, he would wonder why such a woman wasn't arrested for disorderly conduct? Should he attend divine service where the officiating clergyman is Elder Hammond, the distinguished hell and damnation revivalist, and hear him repeat one of his stereotyped assertions, that "Hell is so hot that if a man were taken out of it, and plunged into the hottest fire of an earthly furnace, he would freeze to death from the transition"—would he not, out of sheer curiosity, want to visit the place, and would he not inquire why God does not kill the Devil? Would he not become confused somewhat when learning that Robert Collyer had given expression to this, which he regarded as axiomatically true, "You can't have the dyspepsia and serve the Lord at the same time." Why, he would wonder what would become of the 1,000,000 confirmed dyspepsics who were eking out a miserable existence on stale bread and Graham crackers.

Supposing, too, that in his peregrinations he should visit that magnificent City of Churches, Brooklyn, and hear the overbearing cry that Beecher did, or Beecher didn't sounding forth from partisan friends, would he not feel like returning to Venus at once, where the millennium has been ushered in, and everything is altogether lovely? And with philanthropic emotions ever uppermost in his plastic nature, if he should gaze at one single item of \$170,880 expended for music alone in the churches there, would he not smile contemptuously as he gazed at the poverty-stricken ones prowling about as if friendless, Godless, and less everything that could make them happy and comfortable? We think this distinguished visitor from Venus on visiting such a scene of transcendent contrasts in the condition of society, would add a curious chapter to his forthcoming report to the savans of his planet, and try and devise some means to kill our Devil.

Then supposing on leaving Brooklyn he should read the certificates of a patent medicine vender—one for example who warranted his porous plaster to draw a person ten miles the first night applied, would not his head go around in amazement? Supposing, too, he should be told that Abernathy was one of our most eminently successful physicians, universally respected, and that he should read, that once upon a time an old woman went to him greatly alarmed, for a prescription, telling him that her son had swallowed a mouse, and that the learned physician turned petulantly around and said, "Madam, hasten home, and give him a cat." Would he not open his eyes at such a statement? And further, supposing, too, he should read, that another old lady had called upon him, thinking her child would die every moment, saying, "Doctor, my son has swallowed a bullet"—he curtly replying, "Hasten home, and give him a dose of powder, and be careful and not get shot!" After this distinguished visitor from Venus had seen this record of one of the best physicians that ever lived, he would think certainly that the world was mad on general principles and the Devil was roaming around loose. The fact of it is, that we are a peculiar people, endowed with subtle eccentricities; that no pure man can fully appreciate. Should he return to his celestial home what a report he would write! Supposing in his pursuit after knowledge, he should read we had well contested spelling matches, "And that at one of them a Schenectady girl set down on 'pantaloon'—what would he know about it? When the millennium is ushered in, then all such nonsense as this will cease. And that is our mission to usher it in, which we can not do without first killing the Devil, or showing his true characteristics.

How is it with that learned divine—Robert Collyer? He never has been fixed on account of the existence of the Devil. Why, the stars are not fixed—then why one of the smaller luminaries? He once was a Methodist—a roaring, rollicking, thundering, devil-defying, ranting, enthusiastic divine, at a salary of \$700—perhaps! Then he had fierce struggles with the Devil. He wrestled with him, as Jacob did with the angel. He denounced him in bitter terms, and called him a bold, bad being,

destitute of all virtues except uniform persistency, and that was directed in enticing people from the paths of virtue. His descriptions of hell were peculiarly awful and startling. Its chambers of subterranean heat and seething coals, were vividly presented by the word of mouth to his gapping listeners. He sent Paine there, the distinguished patriot and statesman; he consigned him to one of the hottest furnaces, where little Devils shot arrows into him, and poisonous insects stung him; where fierce animals bit him and snakes laved him with their poisonous saliva; where he was compelled to breathe air as much hotter than red hot iron, as molten lava is hotter than an iceberg. There the author of the Age of Reason, the lover of liberty, the hater of despotism, and the friend of the oppressed, was confined like a wild beast in a menagerie, to be punished forever and ever. Notwithstanding the fact that he assisted in rearing the citadel of liberty, in which we all live, he was doomed to everlasting torment. There was Hume, also, who wrote the "Natural History of Religion," he was consigned to everlasting perdition. So was Aristotle and the hero of Ticonderoga, Ethan Allan. Collyer had consigned each one to various quarters in the subterranean region of hell, at a salary of \$700 a year. Finally, he became a Unitarian, and with a salary of \$5,000 or more per annum, he jerked them all out of hell, and consigned each one to various positions around the throne, where they are supposed to be now, singing praises to God and the Lamb.

It is not difficult for the reader to perceive that nothing is fixed—not even hell—like the "fixed stars," everything is unsettled, and the affairs of the world seem to be constantly bobbing around, seeking an equilibrium! If the Devil was dead, there would be no need of wearing false faces, or appearing to be what you are not. Truth, then, would reign supreme. With no thieves, no liars, no murderers, no backbiters, the world indeed would be a paradise, where angels would hold sweet communion with each one. The widow's moan and orphan's sigh would then be turned into rapturous laughter; their sad hours into radiant sunshine; their old rookeries into pleasant homes; their days of struggles into peaceful enjoyment, and all would be happy.

(To be continued.)

Facts to be Remembered.

Wilson sometimes unwittingly mixes grains of truth with falsehoods innumerable, which he utters. Specimens will be found in the following, which we extract from an article published under the heading "The Tree, Pure Spiritualism and its Fruits."

He says: "When the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL opened its batteries upon the Social Freedom question, we saw prophetically what would be the result, and pointed out to the editor just what would come to pass. When the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL began its crusade against Woodhull & Co., Spiritualism had a stronghold in every large city in the Union, that is, in the form of public meetings. Now, only New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington maintain meetings. Boston has not been disturbed, but each of these cities named have lost, and are not having as large audiences as they had before the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL commenced its crusade."

The State Associations in Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan have suffered terribly. In Ohio, Indiana, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Illinois, the State organizations are dead, killed by the bitter and abusive policy of the editor of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL. The Northern Illinois Association and the Northern Wisconsin Association of Spiritualists have withstood this champion of virtue (?) and maintained their footing, and yet these organizations have been depleted by the false statements made by the paper referred to.

And now we are reaping from his sowing. The First Society of Spiritualists, in Chicago, whose purity has dissolved the Lyceum and suspended their meetings, are virtually a dead letter; but here comes in Chicago the Woodhull, and fills McCormick's Hall to repletion. And on Sunday the "Gentle Wilson" fills Grover's Opera House at 25 cents a head. Now let the pure and immaculate editor of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL or its "Fan in Phanny" correspondent try their hand before a Chicago audience, and give to the world results."

Wilson justly gives us credit for making a successful warfare upon the infamous doctrine of "Social Freedom," and it is true, as he says, that he did all he could to dissuade us from doing so, and we were compelled to close his department in the JOURNAL, as he persisted in claiming that "social freedom" is germane to Spiritualism.

His lack of consistency in suing us for classifying him with the "social freedomites," is obvious to any one who is familiar with his course or even reads the foregoing extracts.

The "Social Freedomites" were ranning the meetings everywhere, and bringing Spiritualism into disrepute throughout the United States. The RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL raised the alarm, true Spiritualists took warning, and at once went to work cleaning the Avenue, stables, and most thoroughly has it been done.

Wilson says, "And now we are reaping from his sowing. The First Society of Spiritualists in Chicago, whose purity has dissolved the Lyceum, and suspended their meetings, are virtually a dead letter."

Now the facts are that the "First Society of Spiritualists of Chicago," had been for a long time offered by "Social Freedomites," and their meetings had been run in that channel until the people spurned the place as they would a plague spot.

A few weeks ago the Spiritualists of Chicago rallied and elected a set of officers, who ignore "Social Freedom" as a most infamous doctrine. Hence Wilson declares that Society to be a "dead letter."

Now for the facts. Instead of being a "dead letter," they have rented a large hall at the corner of Washington and Green Streets; (a central point) that will seat fifteen hundred

people, and at the very first meeting, the house was filled to repletion.

The Children's Progressive Lyceum is inspired with new life, and Spiritualism has entered upon a new era in Chicago, which promises for it a brilliant future.

A like success awaits us in every city and town throughout the United States. If we have been the cause of the ruptures as Wilson avers, we certainly have been but the humble instrument in the hands of higher powers, to renovate our heaven-born cause, and place it upon a basis that shall elicit the approbation of all good men and women.

We boast not of being the author of the great and good work, which Wilson, in the spirit of vilification, attributes to us, and yet we confess that that wisdom which belongs to the higher spheres of life, has impelled us to the performance of a sacred duty.

Since we purged our columns from the labors of E. V. Wilson, we have received many thousands of letters of approval of our course. Our subscription list has more than doubled, and the cause of genuine Spiritualism, has endeared itself to millions of people, who, but for the course pursued by the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL and its supporters would never have given the least attention to the subject.

For performing that duty, Wilson has sued us, claiming \$25,000 damages. For what? For accusing him, as he says, of affiliating with "Social Freedomites," and yet he is Secretary and Mrs. Severance is President, of a society that claims that "Social Freedom" is germane to Spiritualism, and which at their Elgin meeting sent greetings to an out and out "free-love gathering" at Jackson, Mich., where Mrs. Woodhull was present in person, which in turn by resolution denounced all marriage laws and the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, for its loyalty to true Spiritualism, and its opposition to "Social Freedom."

Only Six Persons.

Wilson, in reporting the number of persons in attendance at what he and Mrs. Severance calls a meeting of the "Northern Illinois Association of Spiritualists," at Belvidere, says the attendance averaged sixty-five, six of whom were from Belvidere.

Belvidere is the city where this free-love institution held their last meeting. It is a place of some five thousand inhabitants, hundreds of whom are Spiritualists, and yet but six persons would disgrace themselves by attending such a meeting.

Now, with these facts confessed, Wilson proposes to hold a like meeting at Rockford, and there lay out a plan for what he calls an "International Convention" at Chicago. He is Secretary, and Mrs. J. H. Severance is President—Poor Howard, who recorded his vote for Mrs. Woodhull the day after she was elected president, is left out in the cold—his devotion to Woodhull is not enough for Wilson and Severance, now Woodhull has gone back on them.

Wilson says the "Northern Illinois Association of Spiritualists are a living fact." We suppose he means himself and Severance.

The public will doubt whether a thing so odious in the nostrils of the people, as to deter all but six persons of the town where the meeting was held, from attending a convention of such a high sounding name, is alive. Its odor, savors of death and decomposition.

Wilson claims that the Association includes the territory embraced in Northern Illinois, Southern Wisconsin and Michigan, and Northern Indiana, and yet an annual meeting, according to his own report, held in pleasant weather in the month of October, all told were but sixty persons, and only six of them from Belvidere, the town where the meeting was held.

Woodhull had sense enough to scum the rancid, as old rats leave rotten ships. But Wilson as Secretary and Severance as President stick to the old stinking carcass, and affirm that it is alive, and propose to have an "International Convention" to take a sniff at it.

The people of Rockford will treat the abomination with the same contempt that was shown it at Belvidere.

Not five persons outside the ranks of free-lovers will have anything to do with the pretentious thing.

Dr. Witheford.

We take pleasure in testifying to the genuineness of Dr. Witheford's mediumship. Although the spirits do not materialize as readily as through older mediums, yet what is presented is equally as conclusive evidence of spirit control. At a seance held at our seance rooms, the spirits came and touched our hands while we were holding his; beautiful spirit lights occasionally appeared, and while he was in the cabinet the spirits played on various musical instruments on the outside.

At a seance lately held on the West Side by him, at the residence of Mr. Crocker, a gentleman who is a careful observer of the phenomena of Spiritualism, the spirits brought into the room a

BEAUTIFUL WHITE DOVE, much to the gratification of all present. How they accomplished this feat, still remains a mystery to those who witnessed it.

At one of his circles, at 188 West Madison Street, he prepared some paraffine, and a mould was taken of a part of a spirit's hand.

Thus the good work goes bravely on. New mediums are being constantly developed, new tests are being given, and the angel-world is gradually drawing nearer to this, to convince mortals that their friends still live.

Mrs. B. B. NEWCOMB wishes the JOURNAL discontinued, but does not give her P. O. address.

GOD'S SPIRIT.

How It Is Working in the Garden City.

A Deep Religious Feeling in all the Churches.

Some Interesting Facts Concerning the Work—The Noon Prayer Meeting.

The foregoing is the heading of a long article in the Post and Mail of Nov. 11th, calculated to tickle the fancy of the churches in and out of Chicago.

"Jeremiah O'Sullivan, a man of 30, who had been reading too much of religious matter, was declared to be insane in the County Court this morning, as was also Philip Parker."

If there had been a meeting of Spiritualists with similar results, the secular and religious press would have heralded it all over the country as an argument against Spiritualism.

"The philosophical truth is, a certain class of people are liable to become insane by an undue excitement of the mind, no matter what the exciting cause may be."

Jennie Lord Webb.

This lady so well and favorably known in this city and the West as a fine medium for various phases of manifestations, who has in years past convinced many skeptics of the truth of spirit communion, and given sittings to many prominent people of the country, has had such inducements offered her to spend the winter at the East, that she has concluded to do so, and has taken rooms at 88 Westminister St., Boston.

Mrs. Webb is the daughter of Dr. Cyrus Lord, and sister of Annie Lord Chambelein, both of fine powers and wide reputation. We trust our friends who can make it convenient, will make Mrs. Webb's personal acquaintance. Those who can not visit her in person, will do well to correspond with her.

In the address of Mrs. Tappan, we are compelled for want of space, to omit the invocation. It was really beautiful, and riveted the attention of the audience.

Mrs. G. B. STRUBBS will probably speak in this City during December, at the hall corner of Green and Washington Streets. He is one of the ablest advocates of our cause.

Mrs. TAPPAN speaks at the Hall, at the corner of Green and Washington Streets, Friday evening, Nov. 19th, also at the same place Sunday morning and evening, Nov. 21st.

WEST INDIA PICKLES is the spicy title given by W. E. Talboys to a humorous book, in the press of Carleton & Co., being the Diary of a Yacht Cruise last winter among the West India Islands.

AUGUSTA EVANS' NEW NOVEL—"Infelice" bids fair to rival "St. Elmo" in advance order. Carleton & Co., the publishers, are negotiating with a large dealer for the enormous number of 50,000 copies, including "the market."

The numerous crucified Saviors that the world has been favored with, have their history set forth in clear and comprehensive style by K. Graves in his "World's Sixteen Crucified Saviors," price by mail \$2.20. For sale at this office.

DR. CAMPBELL, of Cincinnati, Ohio, says that Jay J. Hariman, "took, yesterday two spirit pictures, which were recognized." He alludes in favorable terms to E. H. Green and his wife.

EMINENT MEN in many countries have during the past few hundred years written "the history of Jesus." None of them can at all compare with the history given to the world by Paul and Judas through Smyth. Their thrilling account of that wonderful man is of intense and absorbing interest. Price \$1.50, postage 16 cents.

MR. AND MRS. ANDREWS are in full charge of Cascade again, and Mrs A. will not go to Russia. She will be pleased to meet her old friends, and her control expresses the belief that the manifestations this winter will be unsurpassed by the most remarkable demonstrations of the past.

Concluded from First Page. BEAUTIFUL WHITE ROSE and leaf, and a purple pansy, perfect in shape and exquisitely shaded. Handing the basket to Mr. Taylor, she arose, and put these beautiful mementos of her handiwork into my hand. "Oh! May," I exclaimed, "will you please let me kiss your hand," but she gradually receded from me. Taking the chair she moved it towards the table, on which I had placed, after the dark seance, a sheet of writing paper, folded in an envelope with a pencil. Gracefully sitting down, May took the paper from the envelope, and in full view wrote the following to Mrs. Roux, a friend in Louisiana: "DEAR MADAM—We still love you and watch over you."

Folding it she replaced it in the envelope and addressed it to Mrs. Roux. Rising, she placed the letter in my hand, threw her arms around my neck, and planted a kiss upon my brow; involuntarily I placed my hand upon her shoulder, but it was as marble in its deadly coldness, and no mortal breath fanned my face as she held me in a close embrace, for the space of half a minute. Oh! the unspeakable bliss, the undefinable heavenly feeling that permeated every fiber of my being in that ecstatic moment, I never can forget though I should live a thousand years. But all things, whether spiritual or earthly, have an end. Withdrawing herself from me, May gracefully bowed her adieu, and retreated towards the cabinet, growing

smaller at every step, until as she had reached the cabinet door, she was not larger than a four-year old child. And thus the lovely form faded from our mortal sight after being out in the room fully thirty minutes, once seen and never to be forgotten. George soon took the trumpet, and speaking words of cheer and counsel, said it had given them great satisfaction and pleasure, to be thus able to manifest themselves to us, and wishing to be remembered to his friends in Louisiana, made us a very

good night. Johnny also said his adieu in his usual humorous style. And thus this wonderful seance closed. We had held communion with a spirit clothed in flesh even as we were, and yet we had seen her disappear. Philosophers and men of science can you solve this mighty problem? When Bagtiam came out of the cabinet, it was hard to make him believe that such manifestations had taken place. But our joy lighted and tear-stained faces, our exclamations of wonder and gratitude persuaded him that something extraordinary had occurred.

And now reader, I have given a truthful and unvarnished account of the seance, but such manifestations can not take place in a public or promiscuous circle. There must be PERFECT HARMONY

in order to assist these pure spiritual beings, and this can only be obtained, where the sitters, whether skeptics or believers, are harmoniously blended. To the skeptic I would say, the cabinet in bare of carpet or furniture, save the chair in which Mr. Bastian sits. Trap doors and sliding panels can not possibly be introduced, as the room below and adjoining are occupied. And we are positively sure that Mr. Bastian had no drapery or masks on his person. We are perfectly willing to risk our reputation and our all on the truth and honesty of these manifestations.

Mrs. MARY DeGROOD, Louisiana, Mo.

Andrew Grova and others have our thanks for extending the circulation of the JOURNAL.

Business Notices.

SUDDEN CHANGES IN THE WEATHER are productive of Throat Disease, Coughs and Colds. There is no more effectual relief to be found, than in the use of "Brown's Bronchial Troches."

With all the competition in soap, Dobbins' Electric Soap, (made by Cragin & Co., Philadelphia) is first in popularity, because it is pure, uniform and honest. Have your grocer get it and then try it at once.

DR. D. N. HENDERSON, of Iowa, has made arrangements to have an office at Memphis, Mo., during a portion of the winter. See his advertisement.

A Spirit Physician Materializes and Cures His Sick Patient.

Mrs. A. H. ROBINSON, Medium, Chicago.—Will you please send me some magnetized papers. I had them once before and they acted like a charm. They seemed to retain their power until they were worn in pieces. There was a very large, tall, broad-shouldered Indian with me all the time I wore them. I was impressed that he was one of, and sent by your hand. One night when I was in fearful distress he commanded me to lie down on the bed. I was walking the floor and thought I could not, but when I could resist no longer, I threw myself on to the bed. He knelt on the floor beside me and looked me straight in the eyes. I closed my eyes, and in an instant I was totally unconscious. The next morning when I awoke I was lying flat upon my back (a position I never take in sleeping), the clothes drawn nicely and smoothly over me. I thought first I had awakened in the Spirit-world, I was so free of pain.

Yours respectfully, Mrs. S. I. FROK, Topeka, Kan., April 12th, '75. Box 651.

Old Cancerous Sore of Five Years Standing Cured by a Spirit Prescription.

A. H. ROBINSON.—MEDIUM.—CHICAGO.—I wish you to make an examination of my head and try and see if you can give me any relief. I have a sore on my left temple, which came about five years ago, and is now getting in to the edge of my eye brow. Some physicians think it is cancer and others the reverse. I am a man in my thirty-sixth year; have been under the treatment of several different physicians, both in California and in the eastern states, but have derived no benefit. My head did never pain me until I had the sore cut out in San Francisco last year; since then I have something like neuralgia in my head at times, and more frequently darting pains from one temple to the other.

Enclosed please find three dollars with lock of my hair. If there is any thing that you wish to know that I have not stated here please let me know in answer, and you will oblige. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain, Yours with Respect, LEWIS C. POLLARD, Los Nietos, Cal., Oct. 3rd, '74.

Mrs. Robinson diagnosed and prescribed for the case, and the results will be seen by the perusal of the following letters.

Mrs. A. H. ROBINSON.—Enclosed please find lock of hair and two dollars. I have derived more benefit from your medicines than any that I have ever taken. My head is very near well and I believe you will succeed in curing it. I have not taken as good care of myself as I ought to, but will do the best I can in the future. If you succeed in curing me it will be a great help to you, as all the doctors here have failed. Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain, Your Humble Servant, LEWIS C. POLLARD, Los Nietos, Cal., Dec. 9th, '74.

Mrs. A. H. ROBINSON.—I write to you again and send lock of hair. My head is well but I think I would do well to continue your treatment for some time yet, to prevent its coming out again. Hoping to hear from you soon, I subscribe myself, Yours with Respect, LEWIS C. POLLARD, Azusa, Cal., May 20th, '75.

MRS. A. H. ROBINSON, Healing Psychometric & Business Medium. RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE BUILDING, CHICAGO.

MRS. ROBINSON, while under spirit control, on receiving a lock of hair of a sick patient, will diagnose the disease most perfectly, and prescribe the proper remedy. Yet, as the most speedy cure is the essential object in view rather than to gratify idle curiosity, the better practice is to send along with a lock of hair, a brief statement of the sex, age, leading symptoms, and the length of time the patient has been sick when she will, without delay, return a most potent prescription and remedy for eradicating the disease, and permanently curing all curable cases.

Of herself she claims no knowledge of the healing art, but when her spirit-guides are brought in vapors with a sick person, through her mediumship, they never fail to give immediate and permanent relief, in curable cases, through the positive and negative forces latent in the system, and in nature. This prescription is sent by mail, and be it an internal or an external application, it should be given or applied precisely as directed in the accompanying letter of instructions, however simple it may seem to be, but the chemical effect that is produced, that science takes cognizance of.

One prescription is usually sufficient, but in case the patient is not permanently cured by one prescription, the application for a second, or more if required, should be

made in about ten days after the last, each time stating any changes that may be apparent in the symptoms of the disease.

Dr. Henderson also, through her mediumship, diagnoses, the disease of any one who calls upon her at her residence. The facility with which the spirit controlling her accomplishes the same, is done as when the application is by letter, as when the patient is present. Her gifts are very remarkable, not only in the healing art, but as a psychometric and business medium.

Address:—Diagnosis and first prescription, \$4.00; each subsequent one, \$1.00. Psychometric Delineation of character, \$2.00. Answering business letters, \$2.00. This money should accompany the application to insure a reply.

Hereafter, all charity applications, to insure a reply, must contain one dollar, to defray the expenses of reply, communication, and postage.

Mrs. Robinson will sometimes give an occasional sitting to any one. If privacy is required, it must be by letter, accompanied with the usual fee; and terms above stated, must be strictly complied with, or no notice will be taken of letters sent.

Mrs. Robinson's Tobacco Antidote. The above named sure remedy for the appetite for tobacco in all its forms, is for sale at this office. Sent to any part of the country by mail, on receipt of a dollar. It is warranted to cure the most inveterate user of the weed, when the directions on each box are followed. Newspapers and quacks will tell you that this antidote is made from opium and resin. It is not. It is a natural remedy for the appetite for tobacco, but it is injurious to health to use it. Mrs. Robinson's Tobacco Antidote tones up the system and restores it to its normal condition, as it was before habituating the hankering desire for a poisonous weed. It is a remedy presented by a band of chemists long in spirit-life, and is warranted to be perfectly reliable.

This House will pay any chemist one thousand dollars who will, upon analyzing this remedy, find one particle of opium, resin, or any other poisonous drug in it. Address:—Mrs. Robinson, 100 Randolph St., Chicago, Ill., either for wholesale orders, single boxes or local agencies.

TESTIMONIALS.

Mr. A. H. ROBINSON'S Tobacco Antidote. One box of Mrs. A. H. Robinson's Tobacco Antidote cured me from the use of tobacco, and I heartily recommend it to any and all who desire to be cured. Thank God I am now free after using the weed over thirty years. I hereby certify that I have used tobacco over twenty years. One box of Mrs. A. H. Robinson's Tobacco Antidote has effectually destroyed my appetite or desire for tobacco.

DAVID O'HARA. I have used tobacco between fourteen and fifteen years. About two months since, I procured a box of Mrs. A. H. Robinson's Tobacco Antidote. It has cured me, and I feel perfectly free from its use. Have no desire for it.

F. H. SPANER. I have used tobacco, both chewing and smoking, about twelve years. One box of Mrs. A. H. Robinson's Tobacco Antidote has cured me and left me free, with no desire or hankering for it.

G. A. BARBER. Oswego, N. Y. Mr. R. T. Wyman, of Waukau, informs me that he has used one box of Mrs. A. H. Robinson's Tobacco Antidote, and that he is entirely cured of all desire for the weed. Inclosed find two dollars. Please send me a box.

D. H. FORBES. Oshkosh, Wis. For sale at this office. \$3.00 per box. Sent free of postage by mail. Address: Religio-Philosophical Publishing Agency, to whom it is supplied for twelve dollars per dozen, but the cash must accompany each order.

The Wonderful Healer and Clairvoyant—Mrs. C. M. MORRISON.

This celebrated Medium is the instrument or organism used by the invisibles for the benefit of humanity. The placing of her name before the public is by request of her Controlling Band. They, through her organism, treat all diseases and cure in every instance where the vital organs necessary to continue life are not destroyed. Mrs. Morrison is an UNCOMMON SENSITIVE MEDIUM, CLAIRVOYANT AND CLAIRAUDIENT.

From the very beginning, here is marked as a most remarkable career of success, such an has seldom if ever fallen to the lot of any person. No disease seems too insidious to remove, nor patient too far gone to be restored.

Mrs. Morrison, becoming entranced, the lock of hair is submitted to her control. The diagnosis is given through her lips by the Band, and taken down by her Secretary. The original manuscript is sent to the Correspondent.

When Medicines are ordered, the case is submitted to Mrs. Morrison's Medical Band, who give a prescription suited to the case. Her Medical Band, vegetable remedies, (which they magnetize), combined with a scientific application of the magnetic healing power.

Diagnosing disease by lock of hair, \$1.00. (Give age and sex). Remedies sent by mail prepaid. In the past two years Mrs. Morrison's control has given 2076 diagnoses by lock of hair; and in the past year over one thousand patients suffering from chronic and complicated diseases have been cured with her magnetized vegetable remedies.

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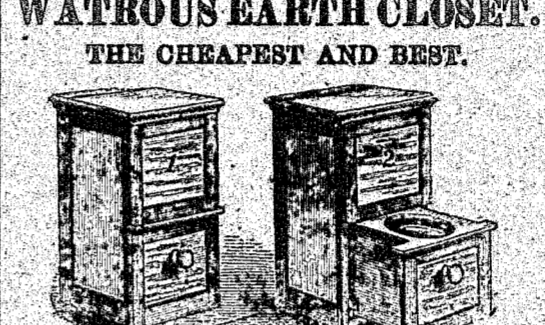
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an Catholic power, but is tied hand and foot between ritualism, which is the Roman Catholic branch of the Episcopal church, and broad churchism, which is the branch of infidelity within the Church of England.

For you must know that broad churchism in England means the right to believe anything that one chooses if he does not express it in too plain and bold a manner against the 39 articles. The majority of the English churchmen and of English church-going people are broad-church. They believe in the right of private interpretations of the scriptures and the right of mental reservation when they speak of the 39 articles of their creed, consequently infidelity in this mild form has more sway in England within the church than materialism has out of it.

It is convenient to have a state church for that reason, since the state church expels no one except for open and avowed infidelity; and so long as the country parson or curate confines themselves to what their congregations will tolerate, and so long as the bishop does not discover anything that is openly infidel to the doctrines of the church, the clergymen of the church of England are secure in their livings.

What is the prevailing tendency of English thought to-day—and English thought governs the English speaking world, and the English speaking world grids the earth about with a score or more of colonies, each one of which forms a commercial centre—i.e. therefore the leading thought in the world, i.e. the thought of English minds. These minds are openly or silently materialistic.

For the most part, religion in Europe is divided into Roman Catholic, Protestant, and dissenters. Roman Catholicism as you know, prevails in the southern part of Europe, while Protestantism prevails in the northern and western parts.

You understand that Strauss, in Germany, in the ripening culmination of a school of thought of which Kant and his followers were the beginning.

You understand that Bishop Colenso, in England, has challenged the interpretation and translation of many portions of the Old Testament, and he is a confessed bishop of that church, although he declares that mistakes in the present version of the Protestant Bible are sufficient to produce an entire revolution in the religious world if that book were properly interpreted.

Will you comprehend also that the various divisions in the church itself threaten her overthrow in England. That is, the state church is divided into three classes, namely: The ritualistic church, which simply clasps hands with the Pope at Rome, and many of whose clergymen have secret orders from the Pope.

the church itself perhaps a little revived, but with none of the Tyndalls, Spencers, Huxleys, or any other materialistic minds whatsoever converted. No appreciable difference was shown in thought; art working of the intelligent class of England. No appreciable difference was seen in the tenor of the public articles of the press; no one was converted who was boldly a materialist, or who was secretly indifferent to the subject of religion.

The Academy of Sciences in St. Petersburg have considered it necessary to appoint a committee, of whom Prof. Wagner is one of the chiefs, to investigate the manifestations of Spiritualism; and they report that they know what they are dealing with; that they are dealing with facts and manifestations appealing to the philosophical nature of man.

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The present aspect of Spiritual thought in Great Britain is, therefore, most encouraging. Men in high places recognize the importance of the manifestations, and have published those manifestations to the world, with their own conclusions.

Those are the facts which, gradually working their way into scientific and religious circles, make up the tide of infidelity and of materialism in both countries.

As I said before, that which is true in England is also true in America, excepting this: There are here no scientific men bold enough to brave enough, daring enough to investigate calmly and deliberately the manifestations which are going on in their midst.

out before them the results of that investigation; they are bound to take his testimony; it would be impossible for them to refuse it. When Mr. Wallace, the naturalist, tells them he has devoted ten of the best years of his life to the study of this important question, and has arrived at but one conclusion, namely, that disembodied spirits do communicate with mortals, and that the realm is open between the two worlds, they are bound to receive his testimony.

Show us a scientific man of great eminence in America who will do this, and who calmly and avowedly enters into the investigation as he would into that of any other science, and we will show you there a change in the form of secular thought upon this subject.

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forms? You believe that the Brahminical worship is bound in chains of idolatry. Thousands of dollars and many missionaries are sacrificed to convert the heathen of all lands, and who is there abroad in this land to convert the Christian to his own faith or make the altar of the Christian church alive with the gifts of the spirit? Where is the gift of healing, and of prophecy, and of tongues, and of the interpretation of scriptures? Who sees visions and dreams in your midst, that you should criticize the heathen or convert him to the blind forms of worship that are destitute of the spirit?

Let us have the wine of the kingdom; pure bread of life; a harvest full of rich purple grapes of the spirit culminating in the pure fervor of a living faith. And this is what God is doing, in the midst of all this infidelity, or materialism and rupture of church and state; of rise and fall of dynasties; all impurities without and within.

The audience was then requested to select a subject for an inspirational impromptu poem, and "The Universe," "The Old and New," "The Religion of the Future" were suggested.

Behold the sun burns in its fiery sphere, And all the autumn dyes sink into gold; Behold the rounded harvest of the year And all its fruitage has by earth been told.

Behold, the church there in the west, her head Uprears amid proud forms and many a rite Performs of service for the living who are dead;

Behold, O'er all the lands, the earth is still, And nations pulsate with expectancy Where is the working of Thy mighty will That shall reveal to man his destiny?

The church is dead or sleeping, and forgot In Thon wert promised, and remembered not; To be alive, arrayed in splendor bright, Oh, when shall she be clothed in spotless white,

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