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The Character of Spiritual Communications.

There are those who denounce Spiritualism as trifling and unworthy of notice and declare that its communications and literature are unimportant and beneath their dignity.

This furnishes the key to much of the folly, fraud and fanaticism that have been attached to Spiritualism. Instead of entering upon the investigation in a dignified manner, worthy of the high character of the object, it is too often looked upon as magic and legerdemain.

We know that there are many phases of Spiritualism, and that all classes can have manifestations, and the fact that we can thus regulate the character of the manifestations is an important part of the subject.

Spirits tell us that they come to earth to give that which they have acquired, and that we only receive this by coming into rapport with them.

If therefore we are only in a condition to attract trifling and undeveloped spirits, we need not expect others to come to us.

THE SPIRIT WORLD.

Communications Through Katie H. Robinson, 2123 Brandywine St., Philadelphia.

MR. BRIDGES OF NEWBURYPORT. I believe that it is right for the children of this life to pass through trials and difficulties for by these the spirit is made to grow.

JAMES DANA, OF WILTON, N. H. In the quiet little valley of Wilton, I first communicated with my wife and daughter, and I remember with pleasure how they received that communication and felt sweetly my presence.

HATTIE RICHARDS, OF WORCESTER, MASS. Please give a few words to my dear father and mother. I was a great pet when I lived in the earth form, and when the angels came and took me away they all felt very sad.

HIRAN MARBLE, OF DUNGEON ROCK, MASS. Many people say that I was deluded and led away, but I find I was led by a class of spirits for a purpose.

QUESTION BY DR. CHILDS.—Are there no spirits who teach you that there is something better than searching for lost treasures?

Oh, yes, I have met with a number who have tried to discourage me; one old Quaker gentleman had a long talk with me.

I replied, that I had heard some such ideas when I was in the form, but I was convinced that it would be a good thing to get those treasures and apply them to useful purposes.

"Ah," said he, "that is a question to apply them to some useful purpose. How many people there are who are striving after wealth, in order that they may do some good work."

"Well," said he, "if there will go on, then must, but I think there will find some time that the sooner they leave a bad job the better."

EXPOSURE.

And now, while speaking of mediumistic exposures, it behooves us to again caution our friends in regard to an alleged spirit-photograph artist who has recently been operating in the western part of this State.

The spirit photographer was a fraud, and left town. His name was T. R. Evans, and he hailed from 393 Bowery, New York.

The readers of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL ten years ago will remember that we exposed this same fellow, whereupon he suddenly left Chicago, leaving a box which he pretended to get the pictures in, at his boarding house.

We regret that our friends—Spiritualists—did not expose the fat, lazy fellow, instead of leaving it for outsiders to do.

HE DREAMS NOT BERTY, hence challenges Dr. Slade to go to Detroit and hold seances to convince him and others of the truth of spirit communion.

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