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As an inducement for a renewed effort in our behalf, we make the following offer: Every old subscriber who will send us the name of a new subscriber...

The Slavery and Error of Popular Theology Resting on Ignorance and Fear.

Slavery wherever and however it may exist or prevail, is so far a deprivation of freedom.

The term liberty, though frequently and even commonly used as synonymous with freedom, seems more like license or permission to do, or not to do, under certain limits and restrictions.

Human slavery is the wrongful deprivation of whatever rights and liberties the enslaved had, and compels him at the hazard of the most cruel tortures, and even the loss of his life, to do in all respects the bidding of his master.

This slavish fear is inculcated and made universally prevalent by the popular theology of Christendom. The basis and structure of its doctrines all rest on a false foundation.

The salvation proposed as a remedy for all these disasters, including the "immaculate conception," is a very fitting conclusion from the assumed premises.

Will not a careful and thorough study of the character of the Supreme Being present a very different scene in direct contrast to the foregoing?

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finite justice, infinite goodness and truth. He is, also, perfect—that is, infinite in perfection. These attributes, as thus so far forming his character, will not, probably, be disputed, but cordially assented to.

These data thus admitted and established furnish the means and reason for true answers to all questions of evil or wrong which may be alleged to be in existence.

These premises well considered, how in the exercise of common sense, could any one believe so degrading and absurd a story as that of Adam's Fall?

All this sad catastrophe so far, is the result of the belief in the false story by Moses, of the creation.

What, then, is the corollary, the true definition, result and conclusion of the foregoing positions and propositions?

So far as we can see, in relation to ourselves and the world around us, it is that state of things which actually takes place, from day to day, before our own perceptions.

What, then, are the reasons, the means and the guides to enable us to form a right judgment?

In the creation and formation of man, it must be admitted that there could have been no other power of influence exerted or employed, than that of the Creator himself.

This difficulty always has, for its origin, to go back to "Adam's Fall." Now, there never was any "forbidden fruit," or any Adam to eat it, or any serpent, between whom and the Creator there was a question of veracity to be settled.

Chicago Lyceum, alias Sunday School. This institution seems now to be fairly started. It was successfully launched on Sunday last, February 25th.

has suffered reproach—all the world could give. Language has been exhausted to find names suitable to vent their horrid conceptions; for all this he has not complained—he has not even acted in self-defence; he has shown a virtue that would do credit to a Christian.

DEAR JOURNAL: All who are heralding the beautiful Harmonical Philosophy, living the lives of the pure and the good, are truly dear.

It has always seemed strange to me that any one possessing reformatory or Christian principles can look upon his suffering fellow-mortals and not realize a saving sympathy in extending a helping hand if it is in his power to do it.

Take for example the late tragedy here. The poor destitute mother was driven to distraction by the blighting hand of merciless winter.

I have understood that the girl imprisoned with Mrs. H. for evidence, though she was depending upon her own resources, sent her, in her greatest extremity, a sack of flour; and after she was imprisoned, her brother-in-law came quite a distance to bail her out.

I have felt much interested for those two persons, both mediums. Daniel Baker is in appearance, manners and address a good, well-meaning man; was for some time the only friend Mrs. H. had who would help her in any way.

I am fond of reading spiritual intelligence—the deep, true and pure, just from the spheres, and it seems, while reading such, I can almost feel the warming rays of love, light and wisdom from the sunny shores.

DEAR JOURNAL: A friend sends me your paper, and I have read it with as much satisfaction as the old Abolitionists read the message abolishing slavery.

Our spirit friends converse with us in this place in their natural voice, upon matters known only to the family circle, and join with brothers and sisters present in songs they were wont to sing when in earth life.

With many wishes for your success, in a pecuniary as well as in a spiritual sense, I am, yours for truth,

For many weeks we have listened to the burning words which have fallen from the lips of our Charlie, the "boy preacher."

God and the good angels bless you, Charlie. May they ever keep and preserve you for the noble work now before you.

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ization, if that medium should frequently visit the leaders or magnetizers, and sit passively in their presence or under their counsels.

I think I have learned a good deal within the last four or five years about the law governing mediums. It has been a part of my mission to protect mediums, or rather to find quiet, secluded retreats for them while undergoing development.

There must be as complete and perfect chastity among the members of a harmonical society as there is in the purest families, among brothers and sisters, or parents and children.

Whenever any considerable number are ready to enter upon a life of strict obedience to all the laws of nature, bringing into balance and subjection all the unbalanced passions or faculties that we have received by inheritance from ancestors.

Children may then be born who will be the offspring of love, and then as they grow up to maturity, they will be able to manifest love, free from the grosser passions, the results of which now are overruling, cursing, blighting, and almost ruining the race.

I have, when I am careful in my diet and my general habits, a "gift of healing," so that I have sometimes done what looked impossible to my natural reason.

VALENTINE NICHOLSON.

CIRCLE IN DENVER CITY, COL. TER.

At last a medium is found, an interest excited, and a circle formed in Denver. I presume we shall be heard from hereafter.

Fifteen years ago I fought some battles with a battle axe or some kind of an axe, and destructiveness was active. But those were not the days of giants—only Lilliputians.

Can the committee give any reason why they appoint August or any summer month as the time for a general convocation unless it is to prevent a large class from participation?

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE INNER LIFE.

"He shall give His angels charge concerning thee." All communications under this head are given through MRS. A. H. ROBINSON. A well-developed trance medium, and may be implicitly relied upon as coming from the source they purport to—the spirit world. FEBRUARY 20. INVOCATION. Light of all life, Spirit of all truth, unto Thee as the living Center, we would approach.

FOR MORT WAYMAN, OF BUFFALO, N. Y. What time is it? [Quarter of 9 P. M.] Now if that was in the morning, it would not be very late. [A gentleman just approaching the circle asked if she (the spirit) had been controlling long, to which the spirit replied:] Don't, for God's sake, call me a she. I would not be a she for all the world. When you speak of he, you mean man or boy; when you say she you mean nothing but a woman or girl. I am not that, kind sir; I don't want my friends to think because I come here and take possession of this woman that it makes a woman of me.

ANN ELIZA PRESTON. My friends, you see the necessity of a proper education of the ideas before entering the spiritual plane of existence. The spirit that just spoke to you has much to learn; that is all I will say about him. I wish to speak particularly to my own dear friends. I appreciate fully your kindness in listening patiently until we can give you our messages. Let me say to my relatives that the laws which govern this mode of communicating are almost unknown to me, yet I make use of them. In proportion to the unfolding of my mind am I happy. I would have you know more of the home to which you will soon come. I would have you lose your terror of death, and realize that happiness, pure and good, can be obtained upon the plane where you now are.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. Q. How do spirits employ their time in the spirit world? A. They spend it influencing mediums and introducing people to each other—giving spiritual entertainments. Some are interested in one thing and some in another. Their employments are as various as upon the material plane of life. Spirits do not lose their interest in the things of earth. Q. Is it only recently that you have been enabled to communicate with the children of earth? A. No, it is not recent, but it may seem so, because the inhabitants of earth are just beginning to comprehend and appreciate the fact of spirit intercourse.

A Spiritual Poem, [Given through the mediumship of Miss LEXIE DORRIS, at Mercantile Library Hall, St. Louis, Feb. 9, 1866.] MR. DISPLAY. Did you ever see a stranger question, good people, but say, Did you ever hear tell of one Mr. Display? A man who made up for the lack of good sense by a wondrous amount of mere show and pretense; Puffed up with conceit like an airy balloon; He was hard to approach as the Man in the Moon, But when for some purpose it came in his way, Then oh, how gracious was Mr. Display!

Many years ago, before I withdrew from an Orthodox church, this was done in good faith, and I suppose it is done now in the same spirit, believing it to be the Spirit of the Lord at work among the people; yet by a comparison with mesmerism, I will now show that it is performed by the operation of psychological laws. Having very successfully practiced both as preacher and mesmerizer, I understand the law working in both cases. 1. The mesmerizer must fix his mind attentively upon his subject, or subjects, and the preacher must fix his mind attentively upon his audience.

Our Children.

A child is born; now take the germ and make it a bud of moral beauty.

Girls' Rights.

"Have little girls any rights, mamma?" asked little May T., who had been tucked away in a "corner."

FRANCES BROWN.

The Wonders of Nature.—No. 11.

BY HUDSON TUTTLE. AGE OF REPTILES.

This evening a few little friends were gathered around our fireside, but the lesson of the evening was not forgotten, and scarcely had the lamp been lighted when it was asked for by several voices.

"The early ocean sustained strange forms, and most notable among them was the ICHTHYOSAURUS, or great fish lizard. I have a sketch of it here, as it is supposed to have appeared when alive."

summit of the high cliff, where its young are nestled, free from danger. Thus was it at home on the land, in the water, or the air; a reptile, a fish, and a bird united.

DR. J. P. BRYANT, HEALS THE SICK. 158 Dearborn Street, CHICAGO, ILL. NEARLY OPPOSITE THE POST OFFICE. SPIRITUAL NOTICE. PRIVATE CIRCLES are now forming at the Temple of Truth, 814 Broadway, New York City.

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"The land was no less replete with wonderful beings. The Iguanodon was considered by Cuvier to be one of the most remarkable of its class. It was perhaps the largest reptile that ever existed; its length being from thirty to forty feet, and exceedingly broad in proportion. Its head was short and roundish, with a horn on the nose, as you see here, like that with which the rhinoceros is armed. Its legs were like huge posts; even its thigh bones, which have been found perfectly preserved, being four feet eight inches in length, twenty-five inches around its shaft, and around the joint forty-two inches, or fourteen inches in diameter. If we imagine this bone clothed with the ponderous muscles necessary to move and support the huge body, and encased in a plated skin, we shall at once see how large it must have been. It was well fitted for its support. It could not have secured sufficient prey for its support."