





For the Religio-Philosophical Journal.

To My Soul.

BY GEORGE W. WELLS.

Oh, heart of mine, heart's true and true,
Through all life's rugged years;
Let love of truth thy soul imbue,
Till thou art as the stars above.

"La mort" she exclaimed, "this world is a great deal bigger than I thought it was." So it is with our theological friends.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Selden J. Finney gave the first regular discourse, which was an able production. He showed the utter absurdity of the old theological law—"the utter inadequacy of reason for religion."

The wind is in the next breath. Composed and sung by A. B. Whiting. E. Whipple: Subject—"Aspects of Human Character."

The grand powers of Nature speaking in valid form, ever and anon proclaiming to man new and beautiful truths.

The dispensation of the present day is more powerful than, and in some respects unlike, any other that the world has ever known.

All religions are in the same line. The central idea of all religions are the same. The idea of one God Supreme is not peculiar to any one religion.

Song—"Touch the Lute Gently," by A. B. Whiting and Mrs. Reid.

Meeting adjourned to meet next morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

Meeting assembled at 9 o'clock. Called to order by the President, when the following resolutions were read:

Resolved, That the moral and religious education of the past has been wholly inadequate to answer the demands of the present period.

Resolved, That to mould the young and plastic mind into the highest light, and into the highest forms of intelligence of the existing age, is the most sacred duty of every intelligent man and woman.

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Abstract of a Phonographic Report

TWO DAYS' GROVE MEETING,

Held at St. Johns, Clinton Co., Mich., Saturday and Sunday, September 23 and 24.

The meeting was called to order by the appointment of Selah Van Sickle for President, who commenced the exercises by a few appropriate remarks.

When once the "higher laws" you will obey, goodness and truth will be yours; for Nature is the volume that reads so plain—purity, peace, love.

O. P. Kellogg: Ladies and Gentlemen—I am invited to address you this morning, and I will do so for a few moments.

Resolved, That we believe in no revelation but the revelation of our own nature.

Resolved, That we do not condemn the Bible itself, but the unwarrantable use which will be made of it as any other book, and subject it to the test of common sense, intuition and reason.

Resolved, That we believe in no regeneration but the natural evolution of a higher type of existence, no retribution but the consequences of physical and moral law.

REGULAR SESSION.

E. Whipple: We will ask your attention to a few remarks upon the "Religious Aspects of Society."

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In the investigation of every great subject, there are certain certain lines more definite than Mason and Dixon's line. The Spiritualist and Anti-Spiritualist are quarrelling over the question of physical death, and what caused it to be introduced here.

We, as Spiritualists, cannot see the necessity for your revelations. We do not have to go and pray to some royal and noble power. If I was God, the first miserable old priest that would get up and call the world I had made a "wonderful world," I would kill him in a minute!

I see some of my old white-headed friends here, who, when their feeble, fluttering hearts will have beat their last, angels will welcome home.

My young friends, a word to you: You are the way of life, and Time is the wolf. Recognize no priest as your God. You are the way of life, and Time is the wolf.

Selden J. Finney gave the regular discourse. This last effort of Mr. Finney at the Grove Meeting, proves him to be one of the profoundest thinkers among able metaphysicians of the age.

Mrs. Frank Reid: I will not detain you but a few moments. I will make a few remarks. The angels have been with you in this two days' meeting.

The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following, which were accepted:

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