

Book Reviews.

THE MYSTICISM AND SACRIFICIAL MYSTERIES. By Thomas Taylor, with an introduction...

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Oh! how manifold are the operations of nature! In darkness as well as in light; on the flower-adorned prairie and on the bottom of the rock-bound ocean...

These dark spirits are very gross; and as they are constantly engaged in fights and fierce encounters, not one among the number but whose body is badly disfigured with scars, etc., which gives them a most abject appearance.

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B. F. UNDERWOOD will lecture at Elwood, Ill., April 21st; Galesburg, Ill., April 25th and 26th.

The history of civilization in its progress onward, resembles the trail of a hideous serpent, that leaves in its pathway those whom it has sickened, wounded, maimed for life, or cruelly murdered.

Bismark don't eat his captives, like the natives of Patagonia; or like the wild savages burn them; or like the Indians cruelly torture them. He brings to bear an avalanche of artillery, well drilled battalions, and the well directed bullet, and kills outright!

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The thoughts of the spirits, their aspirations and controlling impulses, mold their features, just the same as the thoughts, sudden impression, or a fright will so mold the physical system of a child in embryo that it will resemble an animal.

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Paraffine Mold of a Hand Produced Inside a Locked Box—A Puzzle for Skeptics to Consider. Lobe Memorial Hall was last evening filled with a respectable and intelligent audience, drawn together to witness the production of paraffine molds under the most rigid conditions that could be devised consistent with the circumstances that the medium should be near to where the work was performed.

At about twenty minutes of eight o'clock Dr. Gardner stepped upon the platform and announced that Mrs. Hardy, the medium, who had traveled in the rain on Saturday night to reach Boston to keep this engagement, was on hand; prepared to make the test required of her.

Mrs. Hardy's Mediumship.

Much has been said and published vouching for the genuine mediumship of Mrs. Hardy. The Journal has done its full share in publishing reports sent direct to the office, and in copying from other papers.

We certainly hope they and their friends, may be able to make satisfactory explanations. But the public will not be satisfied with anything less than facts so unquestionably authenticated as to preclude the probability of deception.

The report is signed by their friends—intelligent people, who supposed Mrs. Hardy to be above suspicion. They sought for the revelation of facts under strictly test conditions, and found, as they say, base metal only!

Now, friends, let us have the pure gold, if such is really in store.

We, by no means, desire to pass judgment before Mr. and Mrs. Hardy can have a hearing. Our columns are open to them. See her vindication published as follows, and a rejoinder by the New York Committee.

Expose of Mrs. Hardy's Mediumship—Her Genuine Mediumship Vindicated at a New Trial in Boston.

On the 24th page of this paper will be found a report of a so-called expose of Mrs. Hardy. It is the duty of Spiritualists to expose imposition in mediumship wherever found, but it is all important that mere suspicion should not be received as facts.

We have regarded Mrs. Hardy (from reports) as an excellent medium. We still believe her to be such, and yet we have not the least doubt of the honesty and integrity of the well-endorsed Committee of Spiritualists in New York who attest to the expose.

We will venture right here to say that no medium for physical manifestations should (as a matter of self-defence) ever sit for such demonstrations, without being placed under test conditions.

But here follows a vindication of Mrs. Hardy's mediumship.

The BANNER OF LIGHT publishes in connection with the expose the following: Becoming aware of the action of the New York Spiritualists, Mrs. Hardy—who was already announced to give her crucial seance in Boston on the evening of the 26th—despatched these words to the purpose to Dr. H. F. Gardner, manager of the People's Spiritual Center: PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 24th, '76

To H. F. GARDNER, 57 Tremont street: I shall sit on Sunday evening if I am not a corpse. Will experiment at the hall Saturday eve.

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level with the surface, and projecting over, the object claimed for this contrivance being that it would keep the cloth cover clear of the sides—a necessary condition. The cover was of a dark cloth, and while being made fit on to the top, fell down to the floor all around. On one side, that next the medium, there was a vertical cut or slit in it, reaching nearly up to the top.

In a little over an hour from the time Mrs. Hardy took her position at the box it was announced that the work was finished. The lights were then turned on. The committee uncovered the box, and found on the bottom of the box, and leaning against the cold water pail, the paraffine mold of what seemed to be a man's right hand, but in a so-called condition, like a soft glove that had been flattened out.

The second mold produced, though somewhat collapsed, was much better than the first, the form of the little finger especially being quite perfect. In regard to the casts produced, while it was evident that in the last one Mrs. Hardy did not get her hand through the netting, in the case where the box was used it was clear to the committee that she could have had no direct agency in producing the cast found therein.

The above language is quoted from a report of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, in regard to refunding to Japan \$1,250,000.00 robbed from them, as a strong highway robber forces an unarmed man to surrender his money, with a pistol at his head, and a bowie-knife at his throat.

The Japanese were forced at the mouth of the cannon to pay over so much money to a "Christian nation," and now when the people, the true sovereigns, denounce the whole affair as downright robbery, and a disgrace to the government, a senate committee make it a pretext for refunding the money wrongfully taken, on the ground that it is policy to refund, so as to encourage the Japs to the imitation of "Christian nations."

By what right do these gentlemen disgrace the American nation, which entirely ignores all religious questions in its governmental matters, and assume to speak of a policy to induce a foreign nation to assimilate to Christian laws, habits, or practices?

It was a fact that our government was based upon Christianity or any other religious dogma, it would not be very creditable to it, to first rob a people and then give back the booty on the presumption that, the people robbed, would adopt the code of morals of their robbers.

Let congress come directly to the point and adopt a resolution to the effect, that whereas the American government has wrongfully received \$1,250,000 from Japan; therefore ordered that the same be refunded with interest and that an apology be made to said government for such wrongful act.

Such a course will inspire the Japs with confidence in a republican form of government, be the same an institution among so-called Christians, Mahomedans, Brahmans or Buddhists.

Mrs. King the Trance Medium.

Mrs. King of New York City, accompanied by her husband, has been stopping for a few weeks past at the Grand Pacific, in Chicago. During their sojourn here they called several times at the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING BUILDING HOUSE.

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of twenty hours. He begged scientists to investigate this phenomenon, which afforded a field of vast importance to them. The audience was given an opportunity to examine the shape and also the paraphernalia, and great wonderment prevailed. Spiritualists who have the gospel of knowledge, not of belief, looked upon the result as quite a triumph.

Supplementary. [After the foregoing was in type the following came to hand.—EDITOR JOURNAL.] CONCERNING MRS. HARDY'S SEANCES IN NEW YORK, FROM MARCH 19TH TO 19TH INCLUSIVE.

EDITOR JOURNAL:—Pursuing our inquiry in this matter of the genuineness of the molds produced in New York by Mrs. Hardy, we observe:

1st. That our statement of the 23rd of Mar. and its facts, are not contradicted nor denied by Mrs. Hardy, the BANNER OF LIGHT, nor any one in its last issue.

2nd. That statement, beside other facts necessary now to be used, asserted that dry cotton wool was found in the molds claimed to have just come from paraffine floating on water; that paraffine placed in the pail weighed twenty ounces when it went into the pail and twenty ounces when it came out of the pail, while the mold claimed by the Hardys to have come from it, weighed two and one-half ounces; that the weighing was done upon a apothecary's scales which were accurate; that when the seams of the bag were known to be out of Mrs. Hardy's reach, no mold was produced.

3rd. From the above we deduce that measured by the standard selected by Mrs. Hardy, viz., weighing, these New York molds did not come from the paraffine in the pail (as claimed) but did come from some other source. We wait for an explanation as to what that source was. In the absence of such explanation from the BANNER OF LIGHT, Mr. Hardy, or any one else, we propose in our next to state where they may have come from, much more naturally and easily than from the spirits or the water, and how they could have been deposited under the table by Mrs. Hardy, which Mr. Hardy in the BANNER desires we should do.

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Assimilating the Laws and Government of Japan to those of our Christian Government.

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A senate committee disgraces the American government in the use of such contemptible language.

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