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THINGS IN GENERAL.

Catholicism - The Negroes - Italian Priests - St. Augustin Society - Law of Compensation - A. T. Stewart - The Tramp.

It is the impression among our wise people, that we are on the eve of eventful times.

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On the very day the Ecumenical Council of the Vatican declared the Pope infallible, Louis Napoleon issued a declaration of war against Germany.

Mr. Stewart, the millionaire, who died a few months ago, was not a bad man by any means; but on propounding the question to the spirit, "Where is the spirit of Stewart?"

It is impossible to evade the law of compensation. The rich man died, and in this intermediate space of darkness, he saw Lazarus afar off.

There are several of these vagabond priests in Baltimore and in this city. The programme agreed upon, in order to give employment to these priests, is to give them a missionary field of operation among the negroes of the South.

There is a large delegation of Hebrews at this writing, in session in this city, to take off from the "tramps" all poor Jews, and provide for their brethren the means of a livelihood.

There are tens of thousands of honest well-meaning men, who can not obtain work, who, as the last resort, are "tramping" over the country in search of employment.

Washington, D. C. Spirit and Master.

BROTHER JONES:—The "aphorism" of Bro. Tinney: "That spirit is just as dependent on matter as matter is on spirit," does not prove that either is dependent on the other.

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It is this law which levels all things in the scales of justice on earth and in heaven.

I heard a spirit remark in a loud tone of voice, a few days ago (and I present his statement for what it may be worth) that the boundary line of the spirit sphere proper, was located between sixty and seventy miles from the earth's atmosphere.

One fact is certain, namely, that no man with a head like Melancthon, was ever fairly convicted of murder; nor did any man with a head like Hare ever fill the place in society occupied by Melancthon.

Mr. Stewart possessed by nature the faculty of acquisition, and a money magnetism, which enabled him to accumulate money and property to the value of fifty millions of dollars.

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Who was Jehovah? BY O. F. STON.

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If we consult the more ancient books of the Jewish testament, we ascertain that he had none these attributes of God which are now by universal consent accorded to the Supreme Creator of the universe.

And the Lord said because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous, I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it which has come unto me, and if not, I will know. —Genesis 18: 31. See also Genesis 11: 8.

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THE VOODOOS.

Is the Devil Dead?

NUMBER XLIX.—(WHOLE NUMBER LIL.)

Strange Experiences with a Spirit—Liquor and its Debasing Effects—The Voodoo's Curse.

We have given many examples of the practices of the Voodoo. Many of them are mediævalistic, and thereby enabled to accomplish many wonderful things.

The spirits on this first sphere are very material in their nature, and those who passed to spirit-life under the effects of spirituous liquor...

Such a spirit, does not realize the fact that malignancy manifested towards one of earth's children, is inflicting him more than the person he molests.

an inexorable law. If naturally malignant, or if responding to the malignancy of others, they became enshrouded in darkness...

If a spirit carries the effect of liquor to spirit-life, to that extent that he can make the sensitive brain reel, supposing he is malignant, unscrupulous and dare-devil in nature...

As an illustration, F. B. Dowd relates this case: "Several years ago there came to a city where I was staying, a Voodoo woman—a Creole."

Thus you see there is a potency in talismans—sometimes a devilish potency that is instrumental in doing great harm.

Once convince malicious influences of the fact that they must humble themselves before those they injure, and ask their forgiveness...

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KNOWLEDGE IS THE TRUE SAVIOR.

Duties Devolving Upon Spiritualists.

In union there is strength. Guns are being constructed that will burn 400 pounds of powder at each shot...

This is an age of progress, and it is just such guns as these that will aid in civilizing the world.

We know very well that our peace friends will be shocked at this sentiment. They are fondly looking for the ushering in that glorious millennium...

But before that time comes we expect such fortifications and other means of national defense will be so perfected that the invading power will be blown to atoms...

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When the time comes that each nation is capable of protecting itself against all foreign foes, such foes will cease to exist—so we say to each and every nation on the face of the earth...

So, someone will say, we are for war. No, not at all—we are for peace. We believe in each and every one, individually and nationally, attending to his, her, and their own business...

But now the tide has turned—she has a Sovereign, who, notwithstanding the Pope's bull of excommunication, has already won the affection of his people...

Priestcraft is weighing down the world. It impoverishes the people. It upholds bandits who hold men and women in mental bondage...

As Italy receded from the grasp of the Pope the Church in its last great struggle, declared the infallibility of the Pope.

If like manner the whole religious world is now fighting liberal principles. The warfare is general. There is a conflict of thought everywhere going on.

The Churches are fighting Spiritualism. They are fighting each other. Infidels are fighting Spiritualism, and they are fighting each other.

Now the question is pertinent, and we ask it with all earnestness, are we, Spiritualists, fully prepared for the impending conflict?

These are earnest questions that we have been considering. The necessity of the age is developing just what we have mentioned...

As we have said before, the conflict is upon us—single handed and alone, spiritual lecturers, mediums, editors, newspapers and book publishers...

In reply to these questions what have we to offer? What noble enterprises have we instituted? What centers of action which give

unity and power have we manifested? What incentive to action,—noble, generous and philanthropic, do we present to the millions of inquirers?

The simple revamping of a few old theological dogmas, under protest of bonds, is too insipid to attract the attention of the noble men and women, who dare to burst asunder the theological bonds to which they were born and bread.

The time has come for concert of action—noble thoughts must be the watchwords to inspire men and women of intelligence to rally around our common standard.

Such thoughts as watchwords, must be of the highest inspiration ever vouchsafed to mortals from the wisdom spheres of immortality.

They must be adapted to the age of thought in which we live. They must be as potent for the defense of our citadel, as are the newly invented guns now being made, for the defense of sunny Italy.

How happy the illustration—poor, down-trodden Italy, filled with all that is loathsome and detestable, and yet despite all that, she is a gem of loveliness—

Even so with Spiritualism when divested of the crudities, absurdities and dogmas, with which zealous enthusiasts have unwittingly besmeared it, will arise with a central thought as a rallying point for its devotees...

Have we as Spiritualists in our midst the elements of defense? Have we organized our forces, erected our citadel, mounted guns of the most approved mechanism...

The same spirit that confronted a Galileo for announcing new astronomical discoveries, now would abolish common schools, and crucify the true Savior.

Bro. G. Gridley of St. Paul, has invented an atmospheric heater, stoves and furnaces, which he claims will save one half the fuel.

Letters of Fellowship. THE RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY granted a Letter of Fellowship and Ordination to Bro. H. H. Brown, of Rockford, Ill.

M. B. CHAYNE, of Richboro, Bucks County, Pa., has written a pamphlet on "Jehovah and Satan Compared."

CAPT. H. H. BROWN has been holding forth at Darien, Wis. He will be present at the Omro (Wis.) Quarterly Meeting, Sept. 29th and 30th, and Oct. 1st.

WE REALLY NEED OUR DUES to meet current expenses. Please remit promptly and greatly oblige.

JOHN A. CALDWELL writes on business to this office, and does not give his Post Office address.

Spiritualists' Convention. To the Spiritualists of the Susquehanna and Chesapeake Valleys, we send you greetings and invite you to a Convention for a three days' meeting at Biggs Station, N. Y.

By their fruits ye shall know them. not by their names. Let all true Spiritualists think and search for themselves and hold home circles.

Let them help their fellow beings along to the best of their ability, irrespective of former faith, and don't let us morally exclude the Jews by calling ourselves "Christian Spiritualists."

Let those who have money form clubs to support houses and able mediums; let them build or rent halls for the purpose of giving lectures and physical manifestations at a moderate admittance fee.

In short, let us be an example before the world and practice and cultivate love and charity, and we shall triumph in the end.

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SPIRIT AND MATTER.

Reply to O. H. P. Kinney's Criticism.

BROTHER JONES:—In discussing this question of the supremacy of spirit and matter, I have no desire to prolong the debate...

When I sent you my article which you were so kind as to publish July 9th, I regarded it as unanswerable; at same time was ready and even anxious for candid criticism.

Bro. Eddy says that the science of phrenology settles the question. It settles it, decidedly against his materialistic theory.

Bro. Eddy has already given to the world in plain English, and easy comprehension, his views and convictions on this subject.

I pause for a reply. Cleveland, O. D. A. EDDY.

What's In a Name? BRO. B. B. JONES:—In late issues of the JOURNAL, there appeared several articles containing suggestions in regard to a name for Modern Spiritualism...

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