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THE INFLUENCE OF RELIGIOUS ENTHUSIASM OVER MORALS.

A Lecture Before the Chicago Philosophical Society, by Prof. V. B. Denslow, LL. D.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY: Permit me to ask, not your sympathy, for all sympathy is unphilosophical, but your cold, impartial consideration to the difficulties which beset a candid and judicial mind in attempting to discuss the influence of religion over moral conduct.

dence, will leave this function to the priest, for he alone can go on assumptions, intuitions, inspirations and dogmas. Discoveries in science have no tendency to lessen these mysteries. They deal with the knowable only; religion with the unknowable.

tion, and so on. So a robbery is due once a fortnight, thefts twice a day, and lying every two seconds. The law of social science as much requires that the representatives of the various nationalities shall come forward with their proper ratio of crime, as the state laws require that the states attorney shall be ready with his indictment, or the sheriff with his rope.

lance. Being of the Roman type, their church government must be military, worthy of their founder, John Wesley, who was first cousin to the duke of Wellington, by the same right as sanguine-bilious religion is always first cousin to the bayonet.

ages, in the future life, is most ennobling, in that it causes man to set an infinitely higher value on himself and on his fellow-man. I think this view redounds more to the cultivation of sympathy and love among men than any other can, it magnifies certain great particulars in which all souls are equal, and thereby lessens the importance of the factitious advantages of birth, position and fortune.

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THE PRINCESS ELIZABETH.

After the removal of Col. Hammond from the position of Governor of the Isle of Wight, this position was conferred upon Col. William Sydney, another zealous Parliamentarian soldier...

Carrisbrooke Castle was likewise the prison, during the Commonwealth, of many cavaliers who had rendered themselves obnoxious to the rulers of that period...

Carrisbrooke Castle continued to be the residence of the respective governors of the Island, until the retirement, as such, of Charles, Duke of Bolton, in 1710.

"Sad are the ruthless ravages of Time! The bulwark'd turret, frowning once and sublime,

I have already spoken of the conquest of the Isle of Wight by the Romans in A. D. 43, and of their national rule, lasting nearly four hundred years.

Fifteen days later we received in addition the following letter: "Sir As I have had the honor to inform you, I have been favored with a second glance at Marcellet's room."

"Here is what transpired; and it will be evident that subtleties never could have produced the effects such as I am about to cite. I broke the seal of a pack of cards brought by myself, and of which I had marked the envelope, that they might not possibly be changed."

room, fourteen feet six inches by fourteen feet two inches in size, exhibits a beautiful pavement wonderfully preserved. The border is wide, and consists of red and white tessellae.

Fraternally yours, THOS. GALES FORSTER. Elm Grove Villa, Grove Road, Venetia, I. W., Oct. 15th, 1877.

Clairvoyance versus Jugglery.

The opponents of mesmerism, clairvoyance and Spiritualism frequently assert that there is nothing in the manifestations of these co-existing sciences, but what can be imitated and paralleled by the feats of jugglery.

At the request of M. De Mirville he accompanied him to the rooms of the late celebrated Alexis, and had a sitting with him. After passing into the trance his eyes and face, except his mouth were covered with cotton padding.

"I have the honor to inform you, I have been favored with a second glance at Marcellet's room. Yesterday's was even more wonderful than the former one, and I have no longer in my mind the least doubt as to the lucidity of Alexis."

"I returned from the séance filled with wonder and astonishment, and persuaded that it is utterly impossible that chance or skill could ever produce effects so marvelous. Receive, sir, etc."

"Bro. D. A. Eddy, of Cleveland, O., writes: When Edwin Forrest, the great tragedian, was in Paris he made the acquaintance of Houdin who related this affair with Alexis and other similar stances. This induced Forrest to investigate, who also became convinced of the truth of Spiritualism."

and remarked that they afforded him the only consolation he obtained during his confinement. This, then, remains a settled fact.

Items of Interest—Gems of Wit and Wisdom.

I sat on the sands by the sea, While the tired waves wearily flow, And the waves seem to whisper to me Strange truths that I knew not or know;

I gaze o'er the watery plain, Till the heavens drop down to the sea, And I cry as I gaze thus in vain, At what the moon but seemeth to be;

"HUSBAND," said the wife of a young clergyman, "read me one of your sermons. I feel dreadfully wakeful to-night, and I wish to sleep."

"GRACIOUS me!" exclaimed a lady in a Boston witness-box. "How should I know anything about anything I don't know anything about?"

SOMEBODY says Yale College students study one hour per day, pull a boat three, box two, and talk about athletic matters the rest of the twenty-four.

BENEFITS, like flowers, please while they are fresh. Better the feet slip than the tongue. He begins to die who hath no desires. An evil nature never wants occasion.

MAKE common events serve a holy purpose. In old times Michael Angelo took his copies from the persons in the streets, and wrought them out on the walls of the Vatican, changing a beggar into a giant, and an ordinary woman who bore a basket of flowers on her arm into an angel.

JESUS said, "Behold the lilies of the field which toil not neither do they spin, and yet I say unto you, Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

A CLOUD may intercept the sun, A web by secret workers spun, Preserve the life within the frame, Or vapors take away the same.

How often at a single word, The heart with agony is stirred, And ties that years could not have riven, Are scattered by the wind of heaven.

A smile of hope from those we love, May be an angel from above; A whispered welcome in our ears, Be as the music of the spheres.

Oh! trifles are not what they are, But fortune's ruling voice and star.

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