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The "Candid Examination of Theism, by Physicists."

The great anti-theistic argument of Physicists—that on which he chiefly relies—is the eternity of matter and force.

"All and every law follows as a necessary consequence from the persistence of force, and primary qualities of matter."

Here we have the culminating point in the anti-theistic reasoning of Physicists. It is logically hollow, contradictory, and false.

Matter and force are postulated by Physicists primarily to account for motion; but in accounting for motion they are proved insufficient to account for existence.

Should it now be said that matter and force conjointly may produce intelligence, or that one of the two is competent to originate this high type of being, how can thought accept and interpret the possibility?

Physicists is very ably answered in the Contemporary Review for October, by Professor F. W. Newman, who says:

"Physicists is simply false in fact when he says (indeed often repeats) that modern science has made the hypothesis of divine power superfluous."

Professor Newman further remarks, that "Nothing is less intelligent than the attempt of Herbert Spencer and Physicists to cast scorn upon Theism as a development out of Fetichism."

To which we would add that this "reverence for unsees power," in the savage, comes from his knowledge—imperfect and unenlightened it may be, but still a knowledge—of Spiritual facts.

Temperance.

Rev. Dr. Thomas's sermons are practical and to the point. No one can listen to them without being made better thereby.

Mrs Emma Tuttle.

This talented lady gave her first entertainment before a Cleveland audience on Monday eve last, and met with a most flattering reception.

In her closing impersonation of a Roman matron, reciting the terrible story of "Virginus," many of her German auditors enthusiastically compared her to their own great Janauschek.

Mrs. Tuttle has during the past six or seven years devoted herself to studying the art of "holding the mirror up to nature," and has attained especial perfection.

The Herald said: "Mrs. Tuttle's programme embraced many difficult pieces. In all she displayed a remarkably cultivated and versatile voice."

recitations in a most admirable manner. Miss Ella Ryel, of the lyceum, sang several sweet songs.

DO SPIRITS CAUSE PRESENTMENTS?

Remarkable Presentment of Approaching Dissolution Possessed by Heller; the Magician—A Similar Instance.

These cases of presentments set forth by an exchange, are, no doubt, looked upon by many who are not familiar with the sublime truths of Spiritualism, as special providences.

Boris de Bodisco, the 18-year old son of the Russian diplomat who is among "the missing," along with his mother and elder brother, seemed to have a most distinct presentment of the foundering of the ill-fated Pomerania.

Queen Victoria a Spiritualist.

Elisha T. Jones, a reliable correspondent of the Independent Age, in the last number of that Journal, makes the following profoundly interesting statement:

It has been known for some time that Queen Victoria was in sympathy with modern Spiritualism, that she secretly favored the spiritual utterance of Canon Farrar, and Dean Stanley, and that Prof. Crooke has frequently received aid and encouragement from her majesty.

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nothing in the Episcopal church that prohibited belief in Spiritualism, that the Queen believed in the Apostolic creed in the church and that with this belief she was free to believe in Spiritualism and proclaim it.

The following from a London correspondent of the San Francisco Chronicle, would seem to present additional evidence that Queen Victoria is a Spiritualist:

"It is reported that the Queen has enrolled herself among the Spiritualists. Her majesty's lately deceased bosom-friend, Mme. Van der Weyer, was a believer in the occult science, and was great at getting up séances at her own residence, the New Lodge, Windsor, and invoking the ghosts of Mons. Sylvain, Van der Weyer, and others of her quondam, mundane acquaintances."

Naturalists and Supernaturalists—Sermon by Mr. O. B. Frothingham.

Mr. Frothingham discoursed in Masonic Temple, N. Y., on the subject of "Naturalists and Supernaturalists." In the course of his reasoning he said that faith must rest on some basis, ground or foundation.

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Beside the able conductorship, Miss Tillie Lees, with quiet unobtrusive manner, equally well performs the duties of guardian, and of the leaders I should have to name them all with equal words of praise.

I noticed that nearly every member responded to the general question, and gave a short sentence or motto, and that a large number prepared themselves for declaiming, and that this exercise was well done by all. H. T.

What Good in Spiritualism?

The Philadelphia Evening Telegraph gives this interesting incident: It appears that a pious clergyman in London has read the Bible hundreds of times, but cannot explain away a little coincidence of his recent experience.

Another Response.

Our readers remember the questions we submitted a few weeks ago to the Universalist clergy, and the responses that we received. The following response from the venerable Rev. Moses Ballou, of Philadelphia, Pa., will be read with deep interest:

Questions 1, 2, 3: For many years I have investigated, as I had opportunity, what are termed "spiritual phenomena." A very great share of them were unsatisfactory.

Question 4: The results of my experience and observation in regard to these things are a deeper conviction of the reality of all the essential truths taught by Christ, as interpreted by Universalists generally, and as preached by myself for forty-five years.

I hardly need to add that as I approach the end of my earthly journey, now very near, I regard the future with a heart full of serene hopes and a cheerful trust.

Fraternally yours, MOSES BALLOU.

Proposed Peebles' Purse.

A movement having its inception in Boston, has been started to raise a purse of one thousand dollars, to enable Brother J. M. Peebles to pay off the incumbrances which he has been obliged to place upon his home.

Laborers in the Spiritualistic Vineyard, and Other Items of Interest.

Dr. Samuel Watson and family have returned to Memphis.

Lyman C. Howe lectures in Binghamton, N. Y., December 2nd and 9th.

J. M. Peebles lectured in this city last Sunday, and will continue to do so during the Sundays of this month. We shall publish some of his lectures.

Mrs. Fannie M. Brown, clairvoyant and test medium, has permanently located at 135 Grand street, Jersey City, N. J., where she can be consulted in person and by letter.

Dr. Peebles' subjects on Sunday next will be: morning: "The Unbelievers' Damnation, and the Spiritual Baptism of Fire." Evening: "The Present and Future of India—its Late Famine, its Magic and Wonder-Workers."

It is reported that Miss Stanton, who hung herself at Middletown, Conn., about two years ago, has appeared to Miss Barry, who was so afflicted by the apparition, that she took to her bed and has remained there ever since.

Capt. H. H. Brown and Mr. Vandercook have of late spoken and sung in Boston, Salem, Charlestown and Marblehead. They leave New England for New York about December 10th. Parties in the middle states who desire them address them at 135 Grand street, Jersey City, N. J.

Professor J. Edwin Churchill is about starting on a lecturing tour through Florida, via New Orleans and Mobile to Texas. He proposes to lecture on the "Harmony of Bible Scripture with Spiritualism," and to heal the sick. He would like to hear from the friends along the route, and make arrangements for lectures.

Japan, says the Fortnightly Review, "seems to be a country where men never lose their temper, where women and children are always treated with gentleness where common laborers bow and beg pardon of each other, they happen to jostle accidentally, where popular sports do not inflict suffering upon the lower animals, where a paper screen is a sufficient protection against all intrusion, even that of burglars, and where cleanliness takes such a high rank among social virtues as to be carried almost to ludicrous excess."

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DORUS M. FOX. The Spiritualistic Tramp, Possessor of Limitable Suavity, Monumental Assurance, and Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds Avoidupois.

The readers of the JOURNAL know full well that when it is deemed a duty due to them and to the Spiritualistic public for us to use the scalpel, that duty is never shirked, however disagreeable it may be.

Some years have elapsed since the man whose name stands at the head of this article rose like a rocket in the Spiritual heavens, and coming down like a stick, sank out of public notice among Spiritualists.

Passing over his career in Michigan, where many know him to their sorrow, and also over his earlier connection with Spiritualism, we can find enough within the last few years to satisfy the reader of his true status as a man.

Some few years since he was publishing a Spiritualist paper in Michigan, and having very thoroughly borrowed all he could hope to there, he moved to Chicago with his family and paper, having with him here Miss Nettie Pease as an assistant.

From the fact that Fox is now, and has been for some years, living with Nettie Pease as his wife, it is to be presumed that for some cause, he was divorced from the wife of his youth and the mother of his grown up children.

The next thing of any special public importance in his history occurred in Boston, some particulars of which we will give farther along.

In the winter of 1876 Fox appeared in the city of Toronto, Canada, and made himself known to prominent Spiritualists of that city as a staunch Spiritualist, and stated that he intended going into the real estate business.

Accompanying the above letter was a two column slip from the Herald, of December 12th, 1875, from which we extract sufficient to show Fox's proclivities towards crookedness.

COOKED REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS - BOGUS MORTGAGES - MERCHANTS MOURNING FOR THE LOSS OF THEIR PROPERTY - THE SWINDLER ARRESTED.

HIS GREAT PUBLIC ADVENT IN BOSTON.

Last spring, or early summer, a lady residing in Newton street in this city, advertised a house in Somerville, owned by her, for sale, and Fox answered the advertisement, and those claiming to have been eye and ear witnesses relate the story.

A CONFIDING LADY IN THE COULDS. Last spring, or early summer, a lady residing in Newton street in this city, advertised a house in Somerville, owned by her, for sale, and Fox answered the advertisement.

Those who claim to know, say that Fox departed for Chicago in a box of clothes, for which he forgot to pay a leading clothing firm.

Soon after Sir Reynard had ensconced himself in the western sodom, his eastern creditors and victims began to inquire for him.

As Mr. Conwell's name appears in connection with Fox, as counsel for the latter, it is but just that the following statement made by him should be inserted.

By some means Fox succeeded in getting through the meshes of the law, but as this country had by this time got very warm for him, though now the dead of winter, he, like many another "persecuted innocent," made tracks for Canada.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 21st, 1878. I find he is a Fox by nature as well as by name.

The letter below will give some idea of his standing in Springfield, Mo., where he went with his Offering after leaving St. Louis.

wife, so the Colonel was tolerated, merely, until his course became intolerable through his collection and absorption of funds, going in debt for house and lot, extensive repairs, and furnishing, involving his friends, who were doing their utmost to pay hall rent and keep up their weekly lectures.

So far as Mrs. Fox is concerned, I have never heard any objections of any kind against her, save the fact of her consenting to the ligation that she had to a terrible amount of over two hundred and fifty pounds avoidupois.

Rochester, New York, is now cursed with the presence of this leech, but we trust our efforts will save Spiritualists and the public generally from further losses by this compound of Pecksniff and Oily Grammar.

Since Fox's return from Canada, he has constantly and with much advantage to himself used his wife as a shield and by keeping her to the front, and by hanging on to her apron-strings, has long averted the exposure now in discharge of our duty to the Spiritualists of the country, give him.

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