

NOTES, GERM-THOUGHTS, FRAGMENTS.

BY SELDEN J. FINNEY.

REASON, SOUL, SPIRIT; THE ULTIMATE FORM OF FORCE.

All forms of force known to us but one, can be transferred into some other form. Thus as I have shown, heat, light, electricity, chemical affinity, magnetism and motion are each capable of being transformed into the other forms of force.

Remember, that though heat and light are the agencies of the growth of vegetable and animal life, yet the formative germ, which in each individual and species, gives shape and character to life itself, transcends these.

This type forming power must be the ultimate original power of all forces, and we have seen that the only form of force, which we find answering to this, is Intelligence, Reason, or Spirit.

FAITH IN AN IMMORTAL LIFE, NATURAL: ESSENTIAL. Indian funeral rites, ancient funeral rites, provisions for travel into spirit-land, all prove that the spiritual idea is an instinctive, intuitive one; a natural faith, and like those presentiments implanted in the larval insects that are to undergo metamorphosis.

Earth-life is a vast drama, in which scenes, acts, actors and spectators are constantly shifting. Generations rise from the ocean of life, swiftly cross the continents of time, and to all physical vision, plunge into the mists that cover the ocean of death, chanting as they march.

Whence are we? and whither do we tend? These meditations invoke all the powers of our souls. Wonder and hope and reverence take full possession of us, as we thus contemplate the shifting scenes of life's great drama, and behold that—

"Between two worlds life hovers like a star
Twixt night and morn upon the horizon's verge;
How little do we know that which we are!

How less what we may be! The eternal surge
Of time and tide rolls on and bears afar,
Our bubbles: as the old burst, the new emerge,
Lashed from the foam of ages: While the graves
Of empire heave like swiftly passing waves."

In the whole how permanent, in the parts how ephemeral is human life, and amid what awful and sublime mysteries it hangs; to what tremendous problems it gives rise; among which none is greater, or more absorbing, than the origin and genesis of the soul and spirit of man.

THE UNITY OF NATURE. This instead of the idea of the persistence of force, is the deepest law of all science. Hence there is but one original primordial substance.

UNITY OF FORCES. It takes all mankind to announce all revelation. It takes the whole Church to expound the whole oracles. All six-world-religions have a common origin, a common history and a common aim. All are imperfect. None are finalities.

Substance, laws and action eternal. Not only is substance eternal, but the changes of substance, the motions and transformations, the cycles of career of things, are also eternal—without beginning or end.

cannot be conceived as in a state of absolute rest and inaction. But that the motion, the changes of the universe began, implies the non-action of divine power during an eternity before the beginning of things.

Hence admit a God, and you cannot escape the conclusion that His creative or formative Providence is eternal, without beginning or an end.

The eyes of gross persons are misty; are often bleared and suggest within and behind them frog-ponds filled with moral miasms and animal fevers.

I will be just and fear not: Just in my dealings, just in my relations to every department of life.

Hornell has it all in, "an ounce of custom outweighs a ton of reason." Philosophers seeing this tyranny of opinion have been unanimous in making doubt the first step toward philosophy.

"He," says Bacon, "who would become a philosopher, must commence by repudiating belief," and he concludes his most remarkable passages with the observation that, "were there a single man to be found with a firmness sufficient to efface from his mind the theories and notions vulgarly received, and to apply his intellect free and without perversion, the best hopes might be entertained of his success."

"To philosophize," says Descartes, "sincerely, and to good effect, it is necessary for a man to renounce all prejudices, in other words, to apply the greatest care to doubt of all his previous opinions, so long as these have not been subjected to a new examination, and been recognized (demonstrated) as true."

The universal religious unrest of the whole world of sects, and no sect, painfully but clearly attests, that no mere extrinsic conditions can satisfy the aspirations of the spiritual part of man.

RELIGION—MAN HAS POWER TO KNOW GOD'S LAWS. Religion is the slow and toilsome education of the entire nature of man; a calling out into roundness and harmony all the powers and faculties of human nature, until polished and gentle, and impressible as the most perfect mirror, all the facts, all the truth, beauty and value of things, are pictured in the soul.

What is religion? Ans.—Negative. It is not theology or ecclesiasticism; it is not opinion or belief or doctrine; religion is not Pagan, Jewish, Christian or Mahomedan; it is limited to no climate, country, race or age.

Perfection and truthfulness of character are the self-evident intentions of nature; and to attain to this, we must consult, not the standards of superficial theology or systematic ecclesiasticism, but the everlasting and immutable ideas of Nature, Reason and Intuition.

RELIGION—MAN HAS POWER TO KNOW GOD'S LAWS. Religion has three great ideas: First, Infinite spirit; Second, The human spirit; Third, Inspiration of the human by the divine spirits.

First—Religion is a divine life. But what is a divine life? Answer—A life in perfect harmony with the divine law. It presupposes divinity at the core of the world; divine laws in its procedure, and the best possible result of things.

Is Spiritualism Good Enough to Die By?

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Williams, of Vermillion, O., were deprived by that terrible disease, diptheria, of three children in a single week; Frankie, just past his tenth year, died Nov. 8th; Edith, just past her eighth year, died Nov. 9th, and Evah, in her twenty-fifth year, died Nov. 11th.

Fearing the nervous shock, the death of Edith had been kept from her, but she knew of it and described all the arrangements; even to the appearance in the coffin.

Such was the impression made by her spiritual communion, that the bereaved parents well could say, "Oh, death, where is thy sting; oh, grave, where is thy victory."

As the speaker had an audience chiefly composed of church members, although there were a great many Spiritualists, he adroitly based his discourse on their own ground, and made his departure from the xvi: 1. of Matthew: "The Pharisees also, with the Sadducees came and tempting, desired him that he should show them a sign from heaven."

Then he cited the instances of such communion from the Bible, and showed that it had never ceased, nor could do so. That one law of communion ran through all ages and is true of all races of mankind.

Sweet, sunny, beautiful childhood! The whole great world before; a wonder world, where everything is new and strange! The spring of life, where its stream breaks out of the past and flows onward into the cloud-enveloped future.

When the aged are gathered to the grave, we feel that the harvest is ripe, the sickle has garnered its own, and that their work has been accomplished.

Oh, mother, you who watched with such unflinching solicitude the expanding life which nestled at your bosom, whose ear was first to catch its whisper of your name, and in despair was last to hear that holy name, half-faded on its pale lips of death.

There are very few persons who have any just conception of what psychometry can do in revealing to us the past history of our planet and of humanity.

When Mr. Peebles first went round the world, he collected a number of specimens from various interesting localities; some of which he kindly sent to me.

wood, which was labeled, "Said to be from the first (Solomon's) Temple, but certainly from Jerusalem."

I presented this to Mrs. Denton a few days ago, she having no knowledge of the specimen; indeed she supposed it to be a fragment of some old bed or chair, and on that account undertook the examination somewhat unwillingly.

I have slightly changed the phraseology, but added nothing; and nearly every word that was uttered is given; no statement of any importance being left out.

- 1. That the specimen was connected with large stones.
2. That the stones belonged to a ruined building.
3. That it was in a large city.
4. That it was by far the largest building in the city.
5. That its size was consequently more upon its extent than its height.
6. That it was a temple.
7. That the people of the country were very religious.
8. That their religion was distinct from that of the people around them.

There were in Jerusalem, at different times, three temples. The first built by Solomon, the second about five hundred years afterward by Zerubbabel—the first having been destroyed; and the third by Herod.

While psychometrizing specimens from Jerusalem, about four years ago, to obtain facts in the life of Jesus, Mrs. Denton saw, on one occasion, Mary the mother of Jesus, when about fifteen or sixteen years of age, enter a handsome structure in the city.

It has been repeatedly suggested that all such statements by professed psychometers merely indicate mind-reading. We need to guard carefully against all possible sources of error in conducting such investigations.

Others again suggest that disembodied spirits convey all the intelligence which is manifested in such examinations. But the question might then arise, How do disembodied spirits know the connection of every specimen examined?

A Haunted House.

Clinton avenue, Brooklyn, has a haunted house, and the police are trying to find the ghosts. For three weeks C. Smith and family have been disturbed nightly by the ringing of the door-bell, the rattling of doors, and loud rapping. Sometimes the noises begin at 5 and continue till 12.

Solomon's Temple.

BY WILLIAM DENTON.

Woman and the Household.

BY HESTER M. POOLE. [No. 151 East 51st street, New York City.] A LITTLE WHILE. A little while, my friend, a little while, And sullen winter yields his frigid sway...

GENERAL NOTES ON EDUCATION. The Board of Education intends to add Greek to the Courses of study at the Normal School.

There are now one hundred and twenty-eight women in the different departments of Michigan University—thirty-five more than there were last year.

Similar gatherings can be held in any place where a competent medical woman can give an occasional afternoon to the elucidation of special topics.

Books upon physiology and hygiene are good and inexpensive, and there is no excuse for ignorance upon the laws of life.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF EXISTENCE. The Reality and Romance of Histories. In Four Books. I. History of Deities, or Theism and Mythology.

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For when one asked him why, he'd say, "You know revenge is sweet." [Harvard Crimon.] Mr. Gladstone has a daughter who is familiar with the place of every work in his library...

GENERAL NOTES. In accordance with the will of Mary M. Danser, of this city, (well known for her charitable bequest) a mausoleum has lately been erected to her memory in Greenwood Cemetery.

The following advertisement appeared in the London Spectator the other day: "To Women—An attempt to act out Mr. Ruskin's ethical teaching—Lady help required for nursery; another for kitchen; country life of much simplicity and self-help; entire social equality; adequate salary; no servants kept, but work fairly shared by all."

Miss Sara Fuller chairman, held a large meeting in the parlors of Mrs. King, on the 17th of December. Dr. Anna M. French gave a lecture on the anatomy and physiology of women's organization, illustrated with enlarged charts.

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taken of this subject, and may be read with much profit. The second of the four books purports to give the views of both ancients and moderns in relation to the celestial regions.

The history of Demonism is more distinct. But between the devils of modern Christians and old Jews, the devils of Iran, and the death-gods of the classical nations, the lines are not so vividly struck.

Dr. Kelley, however, does not restrain his sense of the ludicrous in the latter chapters of the third book. Old and young demons in colloquy are quoted, showing how the devils thrive by the introduction of Christian vices among moral pagans.

Baalzebub set forth as one of the Magi—a seer and prophet. He is the special demon of all liars. "the easily-betraying sin of the day, especially of Christendom, is undoubtedly that of lying; and its enormity is surpassed only by the taking of life itself."

The infernal regions are certainly bizarre. God made hell, one preacher declared, when having nobody to put in; so much for foreknowledge. Immaterial spirits suffer bodily torments there.

Following close upon the notice of his disclosure, is a series of quotations from Powell's Letters from Hell. Whether to call them humorous, we really cannot say.

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carefully guarded by the officers, all of whom rushed to the spot, but to no purpose, as no one could be found.

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CURIOUS COINCIDENCE.

A Brahmin's Response to a Christian Propagandist.

SIR:—The question you ask, whether or no the evidences for phenomena, espoused by the missionaries, as related in your religious Scriptures, are proper subjects for scientific investigation, is a fair one.

The objection I have to Christianity is not to its facts, whatever they may be, but to the deduction which I have found very many Christians to draw from these facts, to wit: because we can be saved by the blood of Christ in the next world, we are therefore entitled to violate the fundamental principles of morality in this.

Most respectfully, C. CAVERNO, Lombard, Ill., Dec., 1878.

We should be very sorry to suspect the Rev. Mr. Caverno of plagiarism; but the above letter from an eminent Brahmin teacher to the late Rev. Imigo Bateman, American missionary in India, is so very like the one relative to Spiritualism, which we published in our issue of the 26th ult., with our reply, and which we again print, that it is almost incredible that the coincidence of style, sentiment, and even language, should be purely accidental.

Have phenomena like these no claim to attention? Is it not worth while for science to find out whether they can be paralleled in our own day? To turn upon those who believe in them, and who offer facts corroborating them, and say, "No, you are gluttons and wine-bibbers, eat flesh, you are lax in your morals"—is that altogether the right position for a man to take who assumes the role of a teacher on spiritual and religious subjects?

dah-in refusing to investigate its claims? What good thing cannot be abused? The curative art is good, but look at the impostures, the charlatanism and the swindlers which wear its mask.

The art of printing is good, but if it helps us to spread the truth, it may help others to spread corruption and falsehood.

Now for Mr. Hoodah to try to get off from looking into Christianity by instancing the abuses to which it may be subjected, shows that he has not begun to realize the magnitude of his duties and responsibilities as a teacher of mankind.

It is but a craven and sluggish spirit which makes a teacher imagine he can justify himself in his apathy by saying to those who offer him, not their own facts, but nature's facts, God's facts, "I do not object to your facts, but to the deductions you draw from them, and therefore I will not look into your facts."

What if Christ had said to the leper, "When you will come to me with garments washed, and a body free from impurity, I will be ready to look into your case?"

Rudimental Spiritualism.

It cannot be denied that Modern Spiritualism is as yet in its experimental stage. Some great facts we have established, and placed beyond the reach of question, but others are still in dispute.

We have no fault to find, therefore, with those who keep up their practical investigations into phenomena, whether mental or physical. Let us have all the light we can get, and if spirits cheat, or mediums cheat, let us get at the bottom facts, and give the go-by to nothing that may help to instruct us as to the nature of the manifestations, and the real relations between medium and spirit.

If, for instance, we had a medium for the form-manifestations, who would bring to the subject the earnestness, sincerity and ability of Hudson Tuttle, what progress we might make, in bringing our facts into the domain of the positive sciences!

Let discourses be tested by their intrinsic worth, their proper use of facts, their well wrought arguments, their correct, sententious style, their genuine eloquence, and their apt appeals to the reason and the pure emotions; and let us not ask the question whether the speaker is a trance-speaker or one that makes no direct claim to medial influence.

It is time for Spiritualists to realize that we are all spirits here, even in the flesh, and that a mortal may speak with more divine inspiration than a whole legion of commonplace spirits, who, assuming some well-known name, would impose on us their verbose utterances as superior to all mortal wisdom.

Dr. Beard on the Fancher Case.

We publish this week, Mr. Eps Sargent's reply to Dr. Geo. M. Beard's denunciatory comments on the Fancher case.

Dr. Beard tells us there are six sources of error in dealing with living human beings, and that only an expert like himself (of whom there are only six or seven in the whole world at this time!) is competent to pass an opinion on a case like Miss Fancher's.

Truly here is a big spread for a very diminutive idea. It needed no "experts of experts" to tell us all that. Reduced to plain English, the doctor's great discovery amounts to just this: (1) Deception; (2) voluntary or involuntary phenomena.

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A Brakeman's Experience with a Medium.

A little more than a year ago, a tall, fine looking young fellow called on Mrs. Howard, at St. Charles; while the medium was entranced, the control begged the young man to immediately visit his mother, and shake hands with her once more while he could do so, as the controlling spirit saw him coming again to the medium without hands.

Caution to Public Mediums.

There is a large class of Spiritualistic dead beats who go to work methodically to sponge their way with all mediums. These incorrigible leeches are the terror and bane of mediums and their sway should come to an end.

Mediums are noted for their free-hearted generosity, and will never refuse to sit for those in poverty, but they should be careful not to be so easily imposed upon as at present.

DR. RAUCH, the Chief-engineer of the Illinois "State Board of Health," is exceedingly fond of spirits; in fact, it is asserted, he loves them so deeply as to be much of the time en rapport with them, but their ardent character it is said unfits him for behaving like a gentleman at times, and seems to render him especially antagonistic to magnetic healers and those who claim to heal by the aid of another kind of spirits.

One evening last week, there was gathered at the editor's dinner table a little group of eight; five ladies and three gentlemen; two of the ladies fine public mediums, and another a remarkably gifted medium who, however, exercises her mediumship only for friends and never for pay.

Andrew Jackson Davis.

It will afford our readers great gratification to read the following extract from a letter we have just received from the secretary of the First Harmonial Association of New York:

NEW YORK, Dec. 30th, 1878. Our society has just perfected an arrangement with Andrew Jackson Davis, to become a regular weekly contributor to your valuable JOURNAL, which is rapidly increasing in circulation in our city.

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

Mrs. Hollis-Billing has the thanks of this office for Christmas presents and kind words of cheer.

A subscriber sends remittance from Bremen, but fails to sign name. Will credit when we know.

D. D. HOME has most kindly consented to furnish, from time to time, unpublished incidents in his career as a medium, for publication in the JOURNAL.

The remarks of Lizzie Doten, at the grave of Dr. Gardner, published in our last week's paper, should have been credited to the Banner of Light.

Dr. Peebles recently gave three lectures in the congregational church, in Marion, Iowa, on Trance and Spiritualism. They were largely attended. Several clergymen were present.

Bishop A. Beals has closed a long and successful engagement at Waukegan and Whittier for the present—is to return again next May. January 12th, he commences an engagement in Chebanse, Illinois.

J. A. Kenny, of California, will please accept thanks for the beautiful bouquet of violets; they arrived when the thermometer was 20 deg. below zero, which made them especially sweet.

Mrs. W. H. King, a trance medium is speaking in Sacramento, California, the Sunday evenings of this month, and will answer calls to lecture during the winter in that vicinity. Her husband, Wm. H. King, is spoken of as a good magnetic healer.

James M. Allen is engaged to lecture in Atlanta, Georgia, from January 19th till February, his first point in the South.—Would like to make further engagements. Address him there in care of L. R. Palmer Secretary.

Dr. J. Stolz called at our office last week on his way to lecture in Racine, Wisconsin, on Physiology. His lectures are illustrated with manikins, skeletons, and drawings, and are well calculated to interest and instruct his audiences.

Hudson Tuttle has sent us an able paper in reply to A. J. Davis' "Concerning the Conflicts and a Crisis in our House," which we published two weeks ago. It will appear next week, and we bespeak for it a careful reading.

Thomas Gales Forster has well said: "Originally appealing to the affections, Spiritualism has satisfied the judgment; and some of the best minds of the age are now numbered in its ranks. This brief span of earth-life is but a segment of the vast cycle of existence, and the largest segment by far is beyond the grave. Spiritualism sets a higher estimate upon man than perhaps any other school of thought."

Capt. H. H. Brown and Mr. Vandercook were at Quincy, Massachusetts, December 15th and 20th; at Milton, December 19th and 21st; at Brockton, December 20th and 26th; at Weymouth, January 5th; will be at Gardner, January 8th and 9th; at Cummington, January 10th to 15th; at convention, St. Johnsbury, Vermont, January 17th, 18th and 19th. Would like engagements for the rest of January in Connecticut River Valley. Address at St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

A. A. Southwick, of Charlotte, Michigan, passed through here a few days ago, on his way to Rantoul, Ill. He heals and lectures occasionally. On one occasion when attending church, a minister was controlled by the spirits to speak.

Dr. Rauch claims that his "Board of Health" has driven 1,400 medical practitioners out of this State. We beg leave to doubt his statement and would like to see him prove it. One thing we are certain of, he cannot drive a single magnetic healer out of the State, and we defy him to try it.

Rev. S. E. Busser, of the Congregation Church in Lowell, Mich., preached a very excellent discourse Dec. 1st, 1878, on "The value of Man, or Human Nature the true basis of Christian Work;" from Matt. 16, 26 and 23, 24. It was so practical that Dr. A. B. Spinney and other Spiritualists and liberalists asked for a copy, and had it published.

Geo. W. Kates writes that Col. Eldridge and wife were for some weeks in Atlanta, Georgia, the Colonel lecturing Sundays and Mrs. Eldridge holding séances for slate-writing, giving most remarkable and convincing tests to nearly all investigators. They have been doing a good work in the South.

A morning paper reports the Spirituous Rauch as claiming to have driven fourteen hundred doctors out of this State since his machine for fostering "regulars" commenced work. Dr. Rauch cannot name one magnetic healer whom he has driven away, and we beg leave to doubt the accuracy of his statement by a "very large majority."

C. Fannie Allyn, who is now lecturing in Cleveland, O., will start for Carthage, Mo., on or about January 27th. Would like to make an engagement for the first Sunday in February, while en route. Will go either by the way of Chicago, or of Indianapolis and St. Louis to meet the demand. Will accept entertainment and whatever her friends see fit to give. Address, 24 Fulton street, Cleveland, O.

In this issue we print an interesting article by Mr. Case on the "Birth and Death of Worlds." He gives the substance of the opinions entertained by most of modern astronomers. Readers of A. J. Davis' works, however, are aware that he denies that the "moon is inhabited," while he gives very strong scientific reasons to sustain his clairvoyant observations that the planets are inhabitable.

HONORE BLOCK, containing our post office, Gen. Sheridan's headquarters and many fine offices, was destroyed by fire last Saturday afternoon. This is the third time our postoffice has been burnt within a few years, and the officials claim it is growing monotonous. None of the mails were lost and on Monday morning everything was in such good running order that no delay was experienced in the handling of the mails.

Archbishop Purcell, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who has been made the depository of funds by many in his diocese, has been found unable to liquidate the claims upon him. Sunday, December 29th, the officiating priests in the Cathedral and other churches throughout the diocese, numbering in all nearly half a million of communicants, called upon them all to subscribe to the fund for the Archbishop's relief, as they might feel able—the poorer ones only being called upon for one dollar.

The Voice of Angels is filled almost entirely with matter direct from the spirit-world, and therein differs from all other spiritual papers. When Brother Denmore first started his little venture, the JOURNAL cordially welcomed its advent and did much to give it a start and now we are happy to see it force a recognition of its merits in quarters where it has heretofore been shabbily treated. Thus it is always with merit in the long run. Those desirous of seeing copies of it may address D. C. Deismore, North Weymouth, Mass.

HUNDREDS OF OUR READERS have treasured up, unpublished evidences of Spirit phenomena, which should be made a part of the public record of the Movement. It is a solemn duty to place them where they will benefit the world, and we hope our friends will not delay writing them out and forwarding to this office. All we want is a concise and clear statement of the facts, no matter about the lack of finish or elegance in the construction of sentences; such little things can be attended to here if necessary.

THE UNIVERSAL TESTIMONY of the intelligent spiritualistic public is that, the JOURNAL is constantly increasing in value both as a literary sheet and as an exponent of the great spiritual Movement; to keep the paper up to this high standard and to constantly improve it, is our determination. To do this requires the warm sympathy and active assistance of each individual subscriber. Every reader can with reasonable exertion get us a new subscriber, and we hope each friend will take this hint as personal.

Mrs. H. H. Crocker was surprised by about fifty of her more intimate friends on New Year's Eve. They, as usual on such occasions, enticed their victim from home, and then took possession, very soon transforming the parlors and dining-room into a condition harmonious with the object in view. When all was ready, Mrs. Crocker was brought home to meet the assembled friends, and a most quiet, enjoyable evening was spent, ending with an elegant collation. Mrs. Crocker has, both by her medial and social qualities, endeared herself to a large circle of friends.—Mr. Crocker came from his home in the Spirit-world and bade his friends a hearty welcome, promising to do much for them in the future.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Howard, of St. Charles, Ill., have been spending the holidays with their married daughters in this city...

Mr. Wm. Hyde, of this city, informs us that he has seen much of Spiritualism in its various phases...

A correspondent writes us that a singular phenomenon has occurred at a house on Bunker Hill street, Charleston...

IN NINETY DAYS the business of the estate of the late S. S. Jones, must be closed up...

Meeting of Liberals in Hall at 215 West Madison street, Sunday, at 1:30 P. M.

PRECIOUS GEMS.—S. M. Baldwin, of 920 F. street, Washington, D. C., has the following precious gems for sale...

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Funeral of E. S. Worthing.

The spirit of E. S. Worthing laid aside its mortal shroud Saturday, Dec. 28th 1878, in Oswego, Kendall county, Ill., where he had resided for many years.

To this statement Mr. Worthing had given emphatic denial with his expiring breath. Calling the attention of his family to the fact that spirits were present...

"With a father's love and regard I hope to meet again in spirit, with you and Augustin, Maria and Henry, and a host of other friends that were once near and dear to us...

I was impressed to speak from Rev. xiv c.: 13 v., and, in closing our remarks upon works which follow us on to the immortal side of life, I endeavored to show the audience it did not matter so much when we died, where we died or how we died...

A person who was recently called into court for the purpose of proving the correctness of a surgeon's bill, was asked by the lawyer whether "the Doctor did not make several visits after the patient was out of danger?"

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Notice of Meeting. The Liberals of Saranac, Mich., will hold an anniversary meeting at Shaw's Hall, Saranac, to commemorate the birth of Thomas Paine, on Jan. 9th.

Passed from this world into the land of Summer, where shadowy forms sit from the land of spirit to the friends of earth. Mrs. CAROL B. WATSON, Nov. 7th, 1878, from her residence in Santa Barbara, Cal.

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Christmas.

INSPIRATIONAL POEM, BY MRS. SERENA MILNER.

In heaven is known no Christmas day. With earthly customs it hath passed away. We own but one God, the Infinite soul, Which, in all nature, we daily behold.

When the soul enters the celestial sphere, With its eyes undimmed, and its spirit clear, It sees a spark of the Infinite soul, Developed its life, and spirit mold;

A Parallel Case to the "Wateka Wonder."

I send you a copy of a letter, it being a compilation of facts addressed by Rev. Timothy Alden to Dr. Samuel L. Mitchell of New York.

The Bible of Bibles.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal. As some errors have recently been pointed out in this work by a reviewer, and reference made to some features of the same which seem to require some explanation, the author deems it proper to occupy a brief space in the JOURNAL to set the matter in its true light.

Notes on the Cause of Spiritualism in Michigan.

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before the expiration of the twelve weeks, one morning, when she awoke, she appeared to have lost all recollection of everything that she ever knew.

Now the cloud which had overspread her mental hemisphere was dissipated. Her kindred and friends were at once recognized; every kind of knowledge which she had ever acquired, was as much as her command as at any former period of her life.

Whatever knowledge she has acquired at any time in her second state, is familiar to her whenever in that state; and now she has made such proficiency, she is as well acquainted with things, and is in general as intelligent, in her second as in her first state.

This astonishing transition, scores of times repeated, always takes place in her sleep. In passing from her second to her first state, nothing is particularly noticeable in her sleep, but in passing from her first to her second state her sleep is so profound that no one can wake her, and it not unfrequently continues eighteen or twenty hours.

As an evidence of her ignorance in her second state at an early period, she was once taken to a little distance from her father's house, and discovered a rattlesnake. She was delighted at the beautiful appearance of this, to her, unknown and dangerous reptile, and sprang forward to catch it.

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first edition of a work always contains more or less errors and imperfections, especially when it has passed through several hands. As any errors found will be corrected in the second edition, now going to press, they cannot constitute an objection to the work.

Mr. Graves has the fair privilege of answer, as above. He admits several errors of his scribe; some grave ones, as the putting of Gautama instead of Salavahana, of a great person of lasting fame and power, instead of an obscure saint or god.

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are infinite, and who actively governs all universes in wisdom and power.

General disbeliever in the Bible as a book containing anything of value for mankind in our day; instead of looking upon it as a book-work containing a series of writings which on the whole are the most remarkable the world possesses to-day—writings containing some of the loftiest inspirational compositions, and purest and most elevated truths to be found in earth's libraries.

These briefly stated, are some of the reasons why Spiritualism in my judgment is in such an apathetic condition in Michigan and other parts of the country.

There are certain fundamental principles essential to all real human progress, which cannot be ignored if we wish to be anything more than purely animal and physical, and these are:

1st. To recognize that there is an infinite being who not only controls all things, but who also created all things in accordance with law, and who is the active, ever-present (by his law and his influence) spiritual force or power whom we call God.

Spiritualism in Philadelphia.

The rostrum of the First Society Academy Hall, 8th and Spring Garden streets, for the month of December, is filled by Mrs. Elizabeth L. Watson, of Tinnsville, Pa.

Among the mediums that have lately visited Philadelphia, are Laura V. Ellis and her brother. They have been successful in their work, but moderate financial success. Laura has long been a powerful as a physical test medium; the manner of the tests given is about the same as when she was with us six years ago.

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James, who can rest contented for a while as the first materializing medium who submitted to test conditions in this city.

I am informed that Mrs. Thayer, the flower medium, will be in Philadelphia about Jan. 1st. She is ever welcome, for we believe her to be genuine beyond question; and in these winter months spirits will bring us flowers fresh and crisp as from the very lap of spring.

Explanatory.

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The angel-power which rolled the stone from the door of the Sepulchre, could and did spirit away the physical body. The whole transaction was a dark aside, until Mary Magdalene first saw Jesus, whom she mistook for the gardener.

We know it is often the case now-a-days, when our friends return from the higher life with materialized bodies, for the purpose of identifying themselves, that they often take on marked configurations of their old physical bodies.

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Table listing various books with authors and prices. Includes titles like 'Life of Thos. Paine', 'Mental Culture', 'Mystical Christianity', 'Theosophy', 'Theosophy of the Bible', 'Theosophy of the Vedas', 'Theosophy of the Koran', 'Theosophy of the Quran', 'Theosophy of the Bible', 'Theosophy of the Vedas', 'Theosophy of the Koran', 'Theosophy of the Quran', 'Theosophy of the Bible', 'Theosophy of the Vedas', 'Theosophy of the Koran', 'Theosophy of the Quran'.

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