



FRAGMENTS FROM MY EXPERIENCE.

BY HUDSON TUTTLE.

X.

EPES SARGENT—Dear Friend:—The peculiar experiences directly relating to mediumship I finished in my last letter. The series might be extended, but I have filled the outline I sketched at the beginning, and to which I have rigidly adhered.

I might extend the record of facts to almost any limit, but I have no wish to do so. Only introduce such as directly bear on the subjects under discussion.

It remains for me in closing to speak of circles and mediums and their relations to Spiritualism. I am impelled to do so because of their incalculable value to the cause.

There has been a tendency in some quarters from the first to slight and ignore both. This has had so much influence on some medium speakers, that when asked, "Are you controlled?" they have replied with an offended air, "Only by inspiration; I rely on my own powers."

The infant mind is a mere point of light, an aboriginal center of power, of intellectual force capable of absorbing light, truth, and beauty. Man is the eternal student of infinite nature. All around him is the infinite field of the unknown, and irresistible attractions.

All this sounds strange from that class who above all others receive manifestations as the only absolute demonstration of future existence, and base on them their knowledge of that life, and the conduct of this. Let us examine this ground in detail, for it is of vital consequence for us to know what is a proper course.

1. The evidence of man's immortality rests on spirit manifestations. Without them we could have no certain knowledge of the future life. I make this broad statement, including the manifestations of ancient times and of all races, but more especially is it true of the modern phenomena.

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No, it has not ceased nor ever can, far beyond the abstract demonstration, a far more powerful influence enters. We all have dearly loved ones beyond the veil which shut down before our mortal vision. We went down to the grave with them, and assigned the precious casket to the cold, dark earth.

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NOTES, GERM-THOUGHTS, FRAGMENTS.

REASON AND THE SENSES.

The Senses stand only in the presence of symbols of forms of ideas; the Reason stands in the presence of eternal laws, ideas, or things signified. The senses deal with phenomena; the other with cause or essential forces. The first sees and knows phenomena just as the other feels and knows laws or eternal principles.

PURE INTELLIGENCE.

Of necessity, all inquiries into the nature of the absolute are profound and spiritual. Our senses in their limited range, observe and deal only with phenomena. The phenomenal O, however, does not satisfy or exhaust us. Some revelation of the eternal nature and laws is our aim.

POWER.

The consciousness of Being is the ever-present sense of Power within us, and within all around us. Consciousness of power is the substratum of sensation. The ever and inevitably present sense of real existence, is the persistent consciousness of real power.

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The more intelligent a soul becomes, the more power it gains over itself and its body. All the forms of nature are become in the inmost spirit archetypes of pure intelligence.

Its own interconscious ideas declare the soul to be divine—the centre of the awful intuitions of justice, duty, and deity; of love, purity and holiness; of light, liberty and moral law.

All three sources unite to proclaim the transcendent nature and divinity of the soul. Of this pure nature, all men are made conscious at times, by those clear-eyed judgments, which convict us of ignorance, impurity, and imperfection.

The fatal defect of Spiritualism is that it has no standard of truth. It relies on authority as much as the Old Church does the Bible, which it discards for the communication of spirits. It is at present a mere agglomeration of facts, a system of empiricism, without a fixed standard.

Knowledge, in the popular and inductive sense, is by no means the highest element of the mind, soul, and character. Knowledge alone makes pedants, not philosophers. The greatest elements of character escape all dictionaries, and defy all attempts at pedantic definition.

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Religious Rivalry.

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Nature's Revelations.

BY WILLIAM DAVIS.

Several years ago, Mr. Davis, finding that I was writing criticisms upon various works professing to be of spiritual origin, wrote me a polite letter, and requested me to write a criticism of "Nature's Divine Revelations."

I have at length found time to write a few pages, which I present to the readers of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, for I believe that a large number of them have a sincere love for what is true, and have no desire to believe what facts do not warrant.

I well remember the thrill that passed through me, when I first saw it stated, that a young man, while in a mesmeric state, had dictated a remarkable book, which revealed the history of our planet and of man; a kind of Bible of the 19th century. When I saw the book for myself, some years afterward, and read the opening paragraph, which commences, "In the beginning the Universe was one boundless, undefinable and unimagined ocean of liquid fire."

It is not surprising that he should have made such an estimate of this remarkable volume, for we find in it the grandest thoughts most appropriately and beautifully expressed; a bold enunciation of truths, at that time exceedingly unpopular, anticipations of the discoveries of scientists and the conclusions of the most astute critics; a breadth of intellectual vision, a familiarity with history, physiology, astronomy, biblical criticism and science generally, that, when we reflect upon the age and previous education of the author, is absolutely astounding.

On page 237 we read: "Chemistry will unfold the fact that light, when confined in a certain condition, and condensed, will produce water; and that water thus formed subjected to the vertical influence of light, will produce by its internal motion and further condensation a gelatinous substance of the composition of the spirifer, the motion of which indicates animal life.

These marvelous changes, too, are produced according to this Revelation, principally by condensation. We can condense steam into water, but the composition of the one is identical with that of the other. We can condense carbonic acid gas into liquid, and the liquid we can make into a solid; but the composition of the substance is never changed; and in no case does condensation produce an element in any substance that it did not previously contain.

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Introduction Nature's Divine Revelations, 16 page.

ductus and terebratula occur." But the productus and terebratula were genera of molluscs, and could not therefore be between two entirely distinct sub-kingdoms. The statement is as incorrect as it would be to speak of fishes and quadrals being links between systems and kingdoms.

A mistake still greater is made on another page, where it is stated that the radiata and articolata between an intermediate position. What is meant by the "scorpion" it is difficult to say, as geology recognizes no such being. It probably stands for scorpion, as I find on page 236 "scorpion fishes," as we have on the 242nd page "scorpion fishes." But if scorpion or any animal allied to it is meant, and this I think is evident, then we have radiata and articolata assuming the form of the scorpion and insect. The articolata might, of course, be represented by both scorpions and insects, for they belong to this sub-kingdom; but the radiata could not assume such forms, for the grand characteristic of the radiata, from which indeed the name was given, is that the parts ray from the centre as rays from a star. The scorpion and insect are built on an entirely different plan, and are as far from the radiata almost as mammals are.

But it is also said that "the fuca sustain an intermediate position between the scorpion and the insect. Fuca are sea weeds; how can they hold an intermediate position between species of animals belonging to the articolata? If roses could sustain an intermediate position between spiders and butterflies, then might it be.

To expose all the errors, direct and implied, in the geologic portion of this book, would require a volume; but there are some very glaring ones made in reference to the organic beings of the Carboniferous and Jurassic eras that demand notice. In the coal period it is said (page 258) that "no busy insects would have diverted the mind with their musical hum." Yet insects existed during the period in great abundance and variety, and nearly all the orders were represented—beetles, spiders, scorpions, ants, centipedes, dragon-flies and chirping grasshoppers. Thirty species of insects have been found in the American Coal Measures alone.

We are informed (page 263) that the ichthyosaurus could live either in or out of the water and that this "can be inferred from the shape of its posterior sternum." The sternum is the breast bone; what can a posterior sternum be? A posterior forehead would be as appropriate and as probable.

Then it is said that it possessed "an adipose branch which served as a respiratory organ." Branches is probably intended for branches; there is no such word as branches; but branchiae are gills, and to say that an animal has an adipose branch, is to say in other words that it has a fatty gill, which is as grammatically improper, as it is paleontologically incorrect, as the ichthyosaurus did not possess gills but lungs.

Of the plesiosaurus, which is called plesiosaurus we are told that it preyed upon the lower order of fishes and other infusorial productions. Infusorial animals are those minute organic forms, which are developed in infusions, when they are exposed to the air; it is on this account that they have received their name, which is therefore altogether inappropriate to fishes.

The megalosaurus (page 263) is said to have "two legs, which have been termed wings, from their spread and complex form." The megalosaurus, as any one can find by consulting geological authorities, was a land lizard, allied, as Buckland says, to some of our modern lizards. It had no wings nor anything allied to them, but had four legs similar to those of other land lizards.

We are then told that "it had two sets of fins connected with the side and top of the body." But the megalosaurus was not an inhabitant of the water, and fins would have been as much out of place to the megalosaurus, as wings would be to an oyster.

We read, it would still have been considered a lizard "if it had not had a tortoise-shell-like coating." If it had, it seems strange that no geologist is aware of the fact. The whole description given in the Revelations, is out of harmony with the facts as geologists are familiar with them; and although a whole skeleton of the animal has not yet been found, so many portions have been seen and examined, that its general form and anatomy are well known.

(To be continued.)

Testing Mediums.

I am glad the JOURNAL keeps up the war on frauds. From the manner of conducting the sances in the Oakley-James building, I am forcibly reminded of the man Jennings, whom I exposed here last year. By the very boldness of the fraud, he hoped to avoid detection. I would make this suggestion in deference to the tender nerves of the Reader of Light and some others, who express great fear that the "conditions" will be destroyed; that at all sances the medium be allowed to enter the cabinet without any examination on the part of the committee, but with the distinct understanding that the committee shall, at the end of the sance, take charge of the medium and cabinet, and examine everything, even to ripping apart all the clothing, lining, etc.; agreeing to make good any damage that may result. This certainly will not interfere with the "conditions," unless they are fraudulent. Let the committee allow no confederates of the medium to go near, or have anything to do with, the cabinet. But if some may say that it is necessary that the assistant should be near to keep up the power, then let him do so, with the understanding that he, too, is to be thoroughly searched, even to the skin. A thorough and complete search after the sance will not interfere with any honest medium.

The ordinary committeemen at a sance are the easiest men in the world imposed upon. They seem to look upon a medium as too sacred to be examined. "Why," Mr. Miller says in regard to Mr. James, when he presented himself for examination, "not one of the dozen persons composing the circle would examine him." That is it—they won't examine, and if they do, they do it in such a manner that he could hide a bush in a basket under his coat, and they would not see it. In the expose of Huntton and Withford, and later of Jennings, I waited until I was convinced of the fraud. I made casual examinations, and thus encouraged them to take as much paraphernalia into the cabinet as they wanted, knowing the more they had the better for detection. I did not expose them until they had gone through with "the show," and stepping forward with the committee, we took possession of the cabinet and demanded a thorough search. Now, in this way the tenderest nerved Spiritualist cannot say, "You broke the delicate chain." Let all committeemen demand this, and you will catch the frauds every time; or, rather, you will catch none, for they will see there is no chance to "get away with the goods." Of course parties giving sances in their own houses and cabinets, where they have everything fixed for trickery, you could not detect, but let Spiritualists refuse to patronize and recommend any mediums, who pretend to give full form materialization, who will not come out of their own house and give sances under test conditions.

Captain Gray is having satisfactory state writing and other manifestations, and he will have no sances except under test conditions. The Captain has been in very bad health for nearly a year, which has greatly retarded his development. I have good tests at my own house with my wife and two or three friends; and if people would be satisfied with what they can get at home, and not want full form materialization, any half dozen honest, earnest investigators will get all two nights in a week, during the winter, that will give manifestations that will convince them.

In about ten days I will leave St. Louis, and take up my residence at Lake Minnetonka, Minn., twelve miles from Minneapolis, where in company with others, we are to build a large summer hotel, of two hundred rooms. The lake is one of the prettiest on the continent, and we have one hundred and eight acres of handsome ground that will be beautifully improved. I would like to get in communication with the Spiritualists of Minnesota, and if they have any annual meeting next summer, have them meet at my place.

Yours respectfully, G. M. JACKSON. St. Louis, Mo.

Woman and the Household.

BY HESTER M. POOLE. [No. 151 East 51st street, New York City.]

Mrs. Anderson has walked more than 2,000 quarter miles in as many quarter hours...

What enabled her to accomplish this gigantic feat? In the first place, Mrs. Anderson wore easy shoes; short, loose clothing; and walking was consequently so natural...

Dr. Harriet N. Austin, in her excellent little tract on "Health dress," very truly says: "A woman with bands hanging on her hips and dress snug about her waist, with heavily trimmed skirts dragging down the back, and numerous folds heaving the lower part of the spine, and with tight shoes, ought to be in agony..."

Another writer pertinently says: "The time has passed when woman must be pale, delicate, to be interesting—when she must be totally ignorant of all practical knowledge to be called refined and high-bred..."

Mrs. Emma Molloy is the only woman who has ever been invited to address the United Kingdom Temperance Alliance, in England. She is engaged in lecturing in Great Britain for the good cause, every evening until the first of May.

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which she received \$10,000 and a royalty. She made her model out of shingles with a penknife, and procured a patent while Edison was taking a vacation. Her device is simply putting the rails in a box, in which is packed sand and cotton, upon a bed of asphalt.

At the social meeting for January, in Sorosis, after the opening exercises, songs and recitations, and the introduction to the club, of a grand-daughter of Daniel Webster, Augusta Cooper Bristol recited a beautiful original poem, entitled "Victory."

Mrs. Hoffman advanced able arguments to prove that business life was not incompatible with woman's best development, while the essays of Mrs. Vandenhoff and Charlotte Winterburn advocated a different view.

Mrs. E. Herman has very nobly given one hundred dollars for a "local habitation" for Sorosis.

GENERAL NOTES.

In arguing that women would make politics purer, Mrs. Stanton told the Washington Woman's Suffrage Convention that the state of politics under man's rule in this country was such that it was impossible to tell whether or not the chief executive officer of the land was in his seat through fraud.

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The Ladies connected with the Homeopathic Guild, held a festival at Ward's Island on Friday, the tenth inst. The five hundred and nine patients were severally presented with a Christmas gift of some warm garment and some goodies.

The early numbers of the second volume of Mrs. Martha J. Lamb's "History of the City of New York," are in press.

THE FORMATION OF PLANTS AND ANIMALS, by an orderly development. An essay on the tendencies of Darwin's Transmutation Theory, by Rev. Stephen Wood, 63 pp. Muslin, 50 cents. Paper, 25 cents. For sale, wholesale and retail, by the Religio-Philosophical Publishing House, Chicago.

The author of this work has shown strong powers of reason, yet manifests in many points that he is unacquainted with many of the strict philosophical facts and formulas so necessary to accuracy in detail, which detracts from the value of his general work.

Can there be an effect produced by a cause without the cause being in some degree projected into and incorporated with the effect. Every such movement is transmitted force, conveying an emanation from the individual person or thing by whom or which it is developed, thus transmuting the individuality as a cause-force to produce the effect.

HOW TO MAGNETIZE, or Magnetism and Clairvoyance. A practical Treatise on the Choice, Management, and Capabilities of Subjects, with Instructions on the Method of Procedure, etc. By James F. Coe, M.D., 81 pp. Muslin, 50 cents. Paper, 25 cents. For sale, wholesale and retail, by the Religio-Philosophical Publishing House, 18 mo. Paper, Price, 25 cents by mail, post-paid.

This is a valuable little work with which everyone should become familiar. The growing interest in the subject is calling for just such works which will supply at small cost the much needed information.

BERTHA AND WILLIE. By Mrs. H. N. Greene Butts, Hopedale, Mass. For sale by the author, price 20 cents.

Mrs. Butts has written many very interesting stories for the young, and they can also be read with much interest and profit by the elder people, among which we find "The Young Authoress," "Eda Darling," "Vine Cottage Stories," etc.

A Partial List of Magazines for February, 1879. Scribner's Monthly, (Scribner & Co., New York.) Contents: Portrait of Ralph Waldo Emerson; The Tile Club at Play; The Glacier Meadows of the Sierra; To the Clergy; "We Met upon the Crowded Way"; A Symposium on the Chinese Question; "She was a Beauty"; In a Paris Restaurant; The Homes and Haunts of Emerson; Hawthorne's; The Dead Master; Sonnet; The Fortunes and Misfortunes of Co. "C"; A Winter Morning; Little People; Falconberg; The Doom of Claudius and Cynthia; Opportunity; John Leech; Gertrude; Aerial Navigator; The Perishing Cup; The Relations of Industry to Modern Civilization; Pott's Painless Cure; Topics of the Times; Home and Society; Culture and Progress; The World's Work; Bric-a-Brac.

St. Nicholas, (Scribner & Co., New York.) Contents: Frontispiece, "Holding Mother"; A Story of a Stone; The Shining Little House; Our Artist on St. Valentine's Day; Eyebright; "There was an Old Man of the Nile"; Birthday Rhymes; Modern Improvements at the Peterkins; Besieged by a Rhinoceros; About Violins; The Sad Story of the Dandy Cat; The Half-Timer; "Some Children Roam the Fields and Hills"; "Unnatural History" Pictures; Teddy's Heroes; The Nest on Wheels; The Origin of the Jumping-Jack; When my Ship Comes In; Rumpy-Dudge's Tower; Little Nicholas, and How he Became a Great Musician; Heimdall; Jottings vs. Doings; A Jolly Fellowship; La Chanson de l'Hiver; Polly HERSHEY'S Pet; New Domino Games; For Very Little Folk; Jack-in-the-Palpit; Young Contributors' Department; The Letter-Box; The Riddle-Box.

The Atlantic Monthly, (Houghton, Osgood & Co., Boston and New York.) Contents: The Career of a Capitalist; A Roman Holiday Twenty Years Ago; A Prairie Nest; Musicians and Music-Lovers; The Mystery; The Modern Martyrdom of St. Perpetua; Furtivism and Manners; Sword and Axi; The Ethiopians and other Novels; The New Catholic Cathedral in New York; The Recent Great French Duet; Three Songs; Limited Sovereignty in the United States; Defiance; The Lady of the Arooktoo; The Second Place; International Copyright by Judicial Decision; London Streets; Reminiscences of Bayard Taylor; The Contributors' Club; Recent Literature.

BOOK REVIEWS. OUT OF WORK—by Mrs. H. N. Greene Butts, Hopedale, Mass. Price, 20 cents. For sale by the author.

The Eclectic Magazine, (E. R. Pelton, New York.) Contents: The Greatness of England; Prince Bismarck; Pictures from Venice; Lost Literature; French Home Life; My Walk; The Sun's Long Streamers; Maelco of Dare; The Old and the New Ideals of Women's Education; Backgammon and Nones; Notes on Afghanistan and her People; Observation and Memory; Two Modern Japanese Stories; A Sad Song; The Marquis of Lorne; Literary Notices; Foreign Literary Notes; Science and Art; Varieties. For frontispiece this number contains a fine steel plate engraving of Marquis of Lorne, Gov.-Genl. of Canada.

Wide Awake, (D. Lothrop & Co., Boston, Mass.) Contents: Kiss Me, Katie; Aunt Ruth's Valentine; Some Children's Books in Old Times; A Pioneer "Wide Awake"; The Man with the Straw Hat; The Wind's Mistake; The Dogberry Bunch; Big Toe; Our American Artists; Sunshine in Winter; Royal Lowrie's Last Year at St. Olave's; Chick-dee's Breakfast; The Story of English Literature for Young People; Questions; Don Quixote, Jr.; The Manufacturing of a True Story About Patsy; On Guard; Planting a Pus-sy; Little St. Val-en-tine; St. Val-en-tine's Mail-Box; Theology; F. O. Department; Music; Dogs; Shocks; Mr. Holmes' Day; Jack Sport and his Travels; A Cunning Dog; Old Watch on the Moon. Most of the articles are illustrated, and add to the beauty and interest of this number.

The Psychological Review, for January, 1879, published quarterly, by Edward W. Allen, Ave Maria Lane, London, has been received. Its table of contents, which we here append, will show that it contains valuable and interesting papers.

The North American Review, (D. Appleton & Co., New York.) Contents: The Conduct of Business in Congress; The Mysteries of American Railroad Accounting; A Statesman of the Colonial Era; Reconstruction and the Empire of the Future; The Discontented; The Scientific Work of the Howgate Expedition; Sensationalism in the Pulpit; Medieval French Literature.

The Nursery, (John L. Shorey, Boston, Mass.) For younger readers is indeed interesting and instructive to the little ones.

Babylond, (D. Lothrop & Co., Boston, Mass.) For young readers is as usual interesting and filled with illustrations.

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