

Yellow Fever in Mrs. Saxon's Family.

We take the liberty of publishing the following letter from an esteemed friend and correspondent of the JOURNAL. Any comment of ours would weaken its force.

MY DEAR FRIEND: From the midst of fever and famine unabated, misery and sorrow, public and private, I send a word to you. My dear good husband was seized with the fever on Wednesday morning last.

Oh, Col. Bundy, never was there such relief as in the thought that her young heart had never been darkened by fear of death.

Prof. J. H. Von Fichte.

From a private letter from this great thinker and writer, we make the following extract in reference to his last work:

I have to state in regard to my new book, "Modern Spiritualism, its value and delusion, an anthropological study," (Leipzig Brockhaus, 1878) that it has since July 25th, 1878 been in the hands of the bookseller, and will probably soon be sent over to the United States.

Message from a Spirit purporting to be S. S. Jones, through the Mediumship of P. H. G.

MY DEAR SIR.—I once promised to write you a communication through the medium, "P. H. G.," but have failed on three attempts through lack of favorable conditions.

My faculties here are intensified. Saved from the troubles which beset the pathway of mortals, we spirits have better opportunities of probing things to the very bottom, and ascertaining the truth, than mortals can ever expect to have.

I have much more to communicate, but the tired condition of my medium warns me to stop. Keep on your way. Look not backward, but forward to the time when the realization of your fond hopes shall cause your heart to thrill with joy, and amply repay you for the hard fought battle which it will be yours to fight, ere victory over wrong shall usher in the days of purity, peace and true happiness.

The Boston Herald says:

Not long ago the London Spiritualist devoted many pages to elucidating the theory of the change of weight in a medium during manifestations. Its editor had experimented by having a recording apparatus attached to a platform scale.

The Rev. Dr. H. W. Bellows, in a sermon which he lately delivered, speaks as follows of chemistry:

The Sycamore, Illinois, daily Free Press says Dr. J. K. Bailey spoke in that city to a large audience, and that his speech was well received.

Rev. J. Tyerman gave his second lecture before the First Society of Spiritualists of this city, Wednesday evening, Oct. 9th, on this subject, "Orthodoxy, Materialism and Spiritualism—their respective claims."

At the opening session of the Academy of Science, Leavenworth, Kansas, for the season of 1878-9, held October 19th, Mr. William Emmett Coleman delivered an address on the "Parallelism between Biologic and Philologic Evolution."

Dr. Peebles, writing us, says of Dr. E. D. Babbitt's book: "It is the book of the season, and must have cost not only patient and profound thought, but an immense amount of scientific research."

Press Notices of Recent Publications.

A neat pamphlet of eighty pages, entitled "Spiritism," is received at this office from the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL.

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A writer in the Medium and Daybreak, of London, England, says: That the genera or species of the three great kingdoms of nature possess, have exerted, and do exert, an influence of a soothing or disagreeable character...

Extracts of Letters from a Spiritualist to an Orthodox.

If Jesus was compelled to die to get the best of the devil, and if the devil at the same time was the benefactor of the God-murder, where was the efficacy of the death? Who is the author of evil? Who is the author of the author? Who is the more powerful? If it be desirable for God and his ministers to put a stop to the evil in the world, why doesn't God save all this unnecessary risk and undesirability by killing the devil?

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- 1. No subject too sacred for discussion. 2. No beliefs on any subject should subject those who entertain them to persecution or legal disabilities of any kind. 3. There should be a complete separation of the Church and the State...

any! Remember, I am holier than thou, and more willing to give advice than to receive it; that Jesus gave me a bath in his blood of red, and made me white; and you, my dear friend, if you depend only on common sense, reason, intuition, modern and advanced personal inspiration, will yet be in torment, lifting up your eyes in hell, and seeing me in heaven, rejoicing over your physical misery. Fly before it be too late. There is not a moment to be lost—unless the minister wants to go on a vacation.

Communication from D. A. Eddy, Written a few Months Before His Decease.

DR. GARDNER REVIEWED FROM A SPIRITUAL STAND-POINT. To the Rev. Dr. Gardner, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. DEAR SIR: Having read your remarks of last Sunday as reported in the Leader, and being an honest inquirer after truth, I take the liberty of addressing you this note, with a view of clearly understanding, if possible, your real belief in what is denominated the word of God. I give you credit for a much more common-sense view of the Bible than is usually to be met with in men of your profession. Let us see how near we can come together. I see you make free use of the term "medium," a word which of late has become invested with much significance, especially since Spiritualism has become so "power in the land."

Woman's Work.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, of New York City, has agreed to furnish the money for the purchase of paying medical and scientific men for making a thorough investigation into the cause progress and treatment of the yellow fever. It was the same lady who bought Carpenter's great painting entitled, "The Signing of the Emancipation Proclamation," and gave it to the nation. The Seashore Cottage.—Mrs. Fletcher Harper's Seashore Cottage, which was opened early in the season at Atlanticville, on the Jersey shore, for the benefit of the working women of New York, has been conducted unostentatiously and successfully all summer, in accordance with the plan of its founders. The house has been filled to its fullest capacity, and there are always numbers of applicants waiting their turn. The happy inmates pass their time bathing in the surf, playing croquet, etc. Harriet Hosmer.—Miss Harriet Hosmer has been yielding to a chosen few at Martin Colnaghi's galleries, a glimpse of her status as the "Fountain Sentinel." An exchange says: "She is not only a gifted sculptor, but an inventor, and will soon astonish the world with a new motive power."

Worship and War.

Church history cannot be adduced in defense of the Christian claim that religious ceremonial observances, in connection with divine worship, has been auxiliary to the cause of morality and human progress. No perceptible beneficial result followed the assumed "divine" relations of central Europe, which were instituted by Moses, but a succession of wars, unsurpassed in savage life for human slaughter, was the immediate result. So addicted to fighting did his followers become during their national history, that when a cessation of hostilities occurred during the reign of Asa, the historian remarked that "the land was quiet ten years." 2 Chron. 14:1. "When not in conflict with other nations, they would occasionally instigate a fight among themselves. Five hundred thousand chosen men of Israel fell in one of the civil broils, 2 Chron. 13:17. Nothing is so morally calamitous to a nation, or detrimental to humanity as war; and the religious wars inaugurated by Moses, and entailed to the world by his successors, have been attended with more cruelty than those of political aspirants for military power. History shows the Christian world to have been in a more degraded condition at the close of the year of the advent of Christ, than the potent power of Mahometan and Buddhist nations. Those sanguinary wars from A. D. 1096, until the close of the 13th century, between the followers of Jesus and those of Mahomet—known as the crusades—were exclusively religious, and commenced by Christians; who, when not in hostility with others, would institute war among themselves. Even so late as the seventeenth century, a bloody religious war, depopulating portions of central Europe, raged at intervals for thirty years (from 1618 to 1648), when even women who took refuge in churches were unhumanly slaughtered by their brother Christians. Instead of Christendom making any advance in civilization after the downfall of Pagan Rome and suppression of Grecian literature, a retrogression into barbarism which characterized a long period of history known as the "dark ages," was the sad result. Not until science came and the light of enlightenment dawned upon the world, did civilization have done more to modify religion and make it respectable, than religion has to promote civilization. While Jews and Christians glory in being the only true worshippers of God, they have done more to disgrace the name of religion by their horrible persecutions and bloodshed through bigotry on account of it than any other people. Ancient Gentiles, by declaring every national religion to be an adaptation to the requirements of its people, without fighting about it, acted more consistent with divine inspiration than the arrogant and self-righteous Jews and Christians in contending about creeds, and damning all sects but themselves. It is through the natural growth of humanity that ministers of the gospel are becoming more divinely inspired in their general teaching than Moses was when he ordered his statutes (Num. 11:17; Deut. 34:10) and Paul when he expressed his willingness to have an angel from heaven sent, who preached a gospel different from his—and for which he openly condemned Peter (Gal. 2:11). Inspiration improves with the cosmopolitan growth of the age. Mankind is learning to acquiesce in the sentiment of Peter, that God is no respecter of persons. Acts 10:34. M. D. CRAYNE.

Thos. Dickie writes: Go on with the good work, Bro. Bundy. You surely will be sustained. Daniel Bonelli writes: I think the JOURNAL is worthy of efficient support; its candid and honest impartiality commends itself to every one. Wm. Thorp writes: We like the JOURNAL, and your system of conducting it—principally for the good moral effect it must have on the community. Mrs. Mary Enrich writes: I like the JOURNAL better than any other paper I ever read. I think it is getting better all the time. I like the way you are dealing with false mediums. Go on, Brother Bundy; I hope all good angels will aid you in your work. L. W. Gitchell writes: Your fearless condemnation of wrong, wherever found, and bold advocacy of truth, compel me, as a lover of mental freedom, to assist in the dissemination of liberal thought by continuing my subscription for the JOURNAL. N. W. Babcock writes: I have not read any book or publication in any paper, that I think equals the "Wateksa Wonder" for a missionary work. I am very pleased with your style in the publication of the JOURNAL. I trust a complete separation may be the result and Spiritualism stand foremost where it should, and will ere long. W. J. Meyer writes: I congratulate you on the noble stand you have taken, and think all true Spiritualists, God and the angel-world, will sustain you in the endeavor to purify Spiritualism. I believe the JOURNAL is the only truly fearless and independent paper published in the United States. When will the political press of the country have sense enough to perceive that it will pay to edit an independent journal? Echo answers: When? G. H. Greig writes as follows from the Ocean Creek, Mich.: Having been sailing on the battle of Time, I at last find myself at this point. The good work is going on, although at times it seems as if the foes of human right and intellectual freedom would prevail. I am meeting with good success, considering the circumstances. My meetings at this point have been well attended. Your valuable paper is a welcome guest in any of the families of this city, and the great good you are doing, can only be computed when the present years shall have grown hoary with age. Fight on, Brother, there are imprisoned souls too numerous for you to think of rest until the prison bars of religious ignorance and intolerance are broken.

