



THE INSANE.

Communication from Alexander Wilder, M. D.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: Your last JOURNAL contains one or two articles which pleased me much, and I can do myself justice in no better way than to acknowledge that fact.

Mr. Smith was not a Spiritualist, not fully convinced of its facts, as was his beloved wife, but held its leading ideas, and gave hospitable hearing to its advocates.

Mr. Frothingham had full access to all the papers needed for information, visited the Peterborough place, saw the old friends and neighbors, had the help and confidence of the family, gained information from veteran co-workers in reform, and so made a year's work of biography of values and instructive interest.

My FRIENDS:—Some of your Western readers know Gerrit Smith personally, many knew him by reputation. Some possibly were prejudiced against him, or had wrong ideas of him from want of information.

October 18th, 1868.—Members of our church met to discuss temperance. A paper being subscribed to obtain from absent spirits except in sickness. Signed by all, except two.

Believe there are strong, I will not say conclusive, proofs in nature that man shall live again.

Mr. Smith was not a Spiritualist, not fully convinced of its facts, as was his beloved wife, but held its leading ideas, and gave hospitable hearing to its advocates.

In 1883, he wrote to Susan B. Anthony: I know not why it is not as much the duty of your sex as of mine to write and speak for temperance.

THE ALLEGED PSYCHOMETRIC VINDICATIONS OF ALFRED JAMES' MEDIUMSHIP. BY WILLIAM EMMETTE COLEMAN.

Mr. Chas. R. Miller is not content with Mr. Tice's expose of the fraudulent character of the "form manifestations" of Mr. Alfred James, but still seeks to evidence the genuineness of said phenomena.

Psychometry is undoubtedly a truth,—is an important branch of spiritual science, but as yet it has received little careful scientific analysis and study.

No one, probably, has had a wider field of observation, or has farther extended the sweep, of psychometric research, than Prof. Denton.

Another illustration of this potential principle may be found in a recent spiritual publication.

LET us never glorify revolution. Stillman says: The art of avoiding it and making progress is to be continuous and steady. Goldwin Smith.

The Beautiful Home.

They tell us of a beautiful home, A way on an evergreen shore, They tell us there our loved room, Who have safely journeyed o'er.

This beautiful home we have not seen, But visions its splendors unfold; This beautiful home of which we dream, This palace of crystal and gold;

When friends prove false and life doth seem A burden hard to bear, Through a rifling cloud we catch a gleam, Like the breath or an angel's prayer!

Scientific Writers.

In the JOURNAL of March 15th is a reply to an article of Dr. E. D. Babbitt, by Mr. Coleman, in which he says in speaking of Dr. Babbitt's great work on the "Principles of Light and Color": "Its foundation principles are not therein for the first time announced."

More than a century and a quarter ago, Emanuel Swedenborg gave to the world, in his scientific works, an insight into the workings of these imponderable forces that are the life of matter, and he threw a flood of light upon the processes and economy of the animal kingdom.

Attraction and repulsion, or contraction and expansion, are results of differing modes of action, and it is in the very forms of the modes of action of these subtle and spiritual elements that control atomic action.

Thoughts Upon Practical Spiritual Truths.

The practical and utilitarian minds ever inquiring into the practical bearing and effect of all new truths upon the realities of life and of the universe; and such a mind is compelled to adopt, as a constant premise of thought, the hypothesis that truth has inseparably connected with it the possibility of beneficial use.

These alleged truths being established as verities our next inquiry is, How are they beneficial to man? The phenomena being ascertained and fixed by scientific and common-sense methods, their immediate practical value consists in proving beyond the shadow of a doubt that man lives after death.

Life is activity; thought is the life of the mind; feeling of the soul. If you do not think, your mind dies; if you do not feel, your soul withers and fades away. The Spiritual Philosophy opens the gateway to an infinite realm wherein, thought and feeling acting well together, man becomes as the gods, knowing good from evil, and a partaker of the immortal Tree of Life.

The Watska Wonder. "The Watska Wonder, a startling and instructive Psychological Study, and well authenticated Instance of Angelic Visitation," is the title of a pamphlet by Dr. E. W. Stevens, given in a modest unassuming manner, and well authenticated by testimony of the highest character.











