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Thomas Paine

From a subscriber we have received a copy of the Herald, published at Mount Holly, N. J., containing a letter in regard to Thomas Paine...

That Paine was "utterly devoid of principle and purely selfish and wicked," that he was guilty of "theft," that he was engaged in "smuggling and poaching,"

We know that Paine was a man of not only a clear head but of a generous heart. He was a citizen highly respected while in England, and it was by the advice of, and with letters of recommendation from Benjamin Franklin, that he came to this country...

Personally, he was independent, truthful and honest. Benevolence was a conspicuous trait of his character as his most prejudiced enemies admit.

That Paine died as he had lived, a Deist, even this writer is obliged to omit. "The wife of the writer, then a young girl," he says, "was taken by Dr. Manley...

Scriptural quotations 'Popish stuff,' but ordered that they be put out of the room. When inquired of by Dr. Manley, if in calling upon the Lord Jesus, he now acknowledged his ability to save...

But whether Paine was a moral or an immoral man, whether he died as he had lived a Deist, or at the approach of death returned to the faith of his childhood...

SINGULAR FATALITY. A Lady Killed by the Force of Imagination.

On Tuesday last Dr. Fisher, at the New York hospital, was called upon to render his professional services in what has proven to be a most remarkable case.

When making up her toilet on Tuesday morning, she missed her teeth, and being unable to find them about her room, she came to the conclusion that during her sleep she had swallowed them...

This sad story contains a striking lesson for those who are apt to allow their imagination to get the upper hand of their reason.

A remarkable trance, from which a young lady has just awakened, occurred at Richmond, Va. For six months she had been lying in a trance...

Sir John Lubbock, an able scientist, and a Spiritualist, before the House of Commons, made an able plea for the introduction of science-teaching in the common schools.

The Industrial School of G. W. Webster, at Bonair, Ia., is in a flourishing condition. The students are making good progress.

At the conclusion of one of Prof. Denton's lectures in Washington, D. C., a resolution was passed cordially thanking him "for his able and eloquent course of lectures,"

"Middle Age Spiritualism."

The Popular Science Monthly has an article on the above subject in review of a work entitled "The Magic of the Middle Ages," in which it indulges in its usual perversions and sneers at Spiritualism...

Modern Spiritualism is different, because it shakes off all superstition, and makes of man's spiritual nature a science. The writer says it is "a matter of curiosity and for the amusement of credulous and vacant minds."

The Trance.

The Evansville Journal gives an account of a colored woman who becoming excited through religious frenzy, finally fell into a swoon or trance...

Under the head of a "New Departure in Spiritualism," the London Spiritualist presents for consideration some valuable hints that might be of very great service in this country...

Nobly responding are some of our subscribers to the request for clubs of new readers. One good brother sends \$50, another \$35; an earnest sister sends \$40...

There has not been a more inveterate bigoted opposer of Spiritualism from first to last, than the Popular Science Monthly. The retort and crucible, are its crucial tests of truth, and it prides itself in certainty...

Now, if Mr. Frank Buckland, or the editor of the Popular Science Monthly, will tell us how an animal inside of a book can "prope" it round a room, we hope they will do so at once.

The interesting story which Mr. Whitney tells in this number about the mediumship of his little children, not only touches the heart, but satisfies the understanding.

It is true, however, that the demand for test mediumship, is very much larger than the supply, hence that phase which meets the exigencies of the case most perfectly, should, of course, receive the largest share of attention.

Mrs. Markee, once famous as a medium, is now living at Richland Station, near Buffalo. She has a baby about two years of age...

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

SHABONEH, Naponee, Neb., please send your real name and your MS. will receive attention.

Our brilliant contributor, Mrs. E. L. Saxon, will attend the Womens Convention in Washington on the 14th.

E. V. Wilson writes us under date of 23rd ult., that he has done very well in New York, and would leave on January 1st for the Vermont convention.

The Illustrated Annual of Phrenology and Health Almanac for 1880, issued by S. R. Wells and Co., 737 Broadway, New York, is replete with valuable facts.

Sunday, Dec. 28th, Lyman C. Howe closed his lectures at Cleveland, Ohio. He has been suffering for some time from ill-health, but notwithstanding that, he filled his appointments, and his vigorous lectures were much admired.

Prof. Henry Kiddie lectures before the Second Society of Spiritualists of New York City, Sunday the 4th, at Republican Hall, No. 5 W. 3rd Street.

Mr. Jesse Shepard gave a concert at the residence of the editor of the Chicago Times a few evenings ago, which is highly spoken of by that paper.

HEALING OIL.—On our sixth page we publish an apparently well authenticated statement under the head of "Strange Phenomenon." This singular manifestation of occult power also occurred in Michigan some time back.

CABINET MANIFESTATIONS.—On the second page will be found an extract from an editorial in The Spiritualist, of London, which is worthy of careful attention.

The story comes from England, that Mr. James Mackay, of London, after experimenting fifteen years, has at last succeeded in obtaining crystallized forms of carbon, which Prof. Tyndall and Smyth, it is said, do not doubt are diamonds.

Dr. Russell and others bear witness to the inhuman and causeless murder of many poor natives by the English in Africa. The greatest punishment inflicted upon the murderers when convicted, which is very rare, is a few months in jail.

Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Jackson, who have had a very successful practice in this city for several years, have removed to Cincinnati, where they propose to greatly enlarge their practice...

The Harmonical Association of New York will hold its first Annual Meeting in Steeple's Music Hall, No. 11 East Fourteenth Street, near 5th Ave., on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, January 4th, 1880.

The annual meeting of Portsmouth (Ohio) Liberal League, for choice of officers and other business, was held Wednesday evening, Dec. 31, at their hall, corner of Ninth and Washington Streets.

Mrs. Markee, once famous as a medium, is now living at Richland Station, near Buffalo. She has a baby about two years of age, which is represented by the Buffalo Commercial Advertiser, as being very mediumistic.

"We were all sitting around the table and death-like silence. Baby's hands were placed on the table, as were the hands of all present. After a minute of silence Mrs. Markee asked if there were any spirits present, when three distinct raps were heard upon baby's hands."

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My Association with the People of the Other World.

BY MRS. AMANDA M. SPENCE.

NUMBER EIGHT.

In giving an account of my association with the people of the other world, I must necessarily speak of myself, sometimes to an extent, perhaps, that may seem egotistical...

In the summer of 1858, when on a lecturing tour in the State of Iowa, I one day picked up a copy of the Telegraph, a spiritual paper then published in New York...

Mrs. McCormick and myself reached Utica on Wednesday, but we saw none of the leading speakers or active participants in the work of the convention until the opening meeting on Friday morning...

At the Sunday morning meeting of the convention nothing unusual occurred. At the afternoon meeting the hall was packed; the galleries, aisles, and every available standing place being occupied...

During all this time I remained quiet in my seat upon the platform, but conscious of a very powerful influence upon me. I could make no move whatever. I knew not what move to make; neither did I desire to make any...

came to me and said: "You must take the stand. You can quell this excitement." This was a surrender of the Harmonical Convention, not to me, for I had no use for it, and did not know what to do with it...

It had been arranged so that, at the next and final meeting to be held that evening, after the regular business of the convention had been disposed of...

Mediumship Among the Children.

COMMUNICATION FROM DAVID WHITNEY.

Knowing that your valuable paper is always pleased to record anything interesting in the line of Spiritualism, I send you an article which I consider quite remarkable and equally interesting...

The children were frightened at first, but their fears gradually subsided until it became a pleasure to listen to the questions asked, and note the promptness and accuracy with which they were answered...

It was asked how many evenings in the week they wished to communicate with us, and to our astonishment the number named was seven. Again they informed us that they wished us to sing...

There our tears shall all cease flowing, By and bye, by and bye, And with sweetest rapture knowing, By and bye, by and bye...

During this singing, it tipped again and again and showed genuine delight. Since that time we have had many communications from the other world. We have received communications from three other children, who are in spirit life, and at each sitting, they all communicate with us...

We have had sittings frequently since we became believers in this beautiful doctrine. We have talked with our boys about business, consulted with them on home affairs, conversed with them socially, and in fact, have gained a store of intellectual knowledge...

ed any church; we lacked the faith, but prayed earnestly for it, but all in vain, and while officiating as deacon I decided that I would leave this church in which I had no faith...

Had it not been in our own family, none of which at that time were Spiritualists, away from anything that tended towards fraud or deception, I should have been tempted to doubt, but here in our own family circle to see such manifestations through the mediumship of children, it has been a most convincing test to me...

Dr. Fishbough Criticized by B. F. Underwood.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: I have just read Dr. Wm. Fishbough's letter in the JOURNAL of Dec. 13th. In that letter I am referred to as one of the "negationist fraternity"—a fraternity to which I do not belong...

Merely as one who does not believe in a personal intelligent Deity, without reference to any of the affirmations of the school of thought to which I belong, I may be a negationist; but it is none the less true of Dr. Fishbough considered simply as an unbeliever in the orthodox theology, without reference to the positive side of his philosophy and faith...

"Sexual purity," says the Doctor, "may be defended upon many prudential and societal grounds common to religionists and non religionists, but I challenge Mr. Underwood or any of his co-negationists to defend it strictly on the grounds of Atheism as such, or to prove that Mr. Bennett has not, considered simply as an Atheist, given a practical illustration of his doctrine."

Certainly no one claims that moral obligations can have a foundation on the bare denial or disbelief of a God; their real basis is in the nature, the wants and the relations of man. "Sexual purity" can be as rationally and consistently defended by the Atheist as by the Theist, and as Dr. Fishbough correctly observes "upon many prudential and societal grounds common to religionists and non religionists."

I am asked to show "that Mr. Bennett has not, considered simply as an Atheist, given a practical illustration of his doctrine." "Mr. Bennett considered simply as an Atheist," is one who denies or disbelieves in a personal intelligent Deity. How the writing of foolish, vulgar letters to a young woman, or soliciting her to become his mistress, can be a practical illustration of his disbelief of a personal Deity, I am at a loss to understand...

I am not a believer in Spiritualism. Mr. Bennett is. He, with Dr. Fishbough, believes in the existence of spirits, and claims to have had communication with them. Now, were I to say that Spiritualism, as a theory, should be regarded as the real cause of Mr. Bennett's folly, that indeed his conduct was but a "practical illustration of his doctrine," the statement would be regarded by the thousands of Spiritualists—and by candid non-Spiritualists as well—as most unfair and untrue...

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