

My Association with the People of the Other World.

BY MRS. ANANDA M. STUART.

"What sphere do I belong to?" This question to be one of the standing questions...

The question, "What sphere do I belong to?" was generally answered by the communicating spirit...

Nevertheless, just as surely as there is a Spirit-world swarming with people who have emigrated from this world...

We can know nothing about the condition of the people of the Spirit-world, except so far as they reveal themselves to us...

A man, sauntering along the fashionable promenade of a large city, meets a lady whose general appearance, or whose movements and manners arouse his emotional nature...

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The masses of men and women who are now flocking to the Spiritualist movement...

More Light on the Primitive Affairs of Spiritualism.

BY A. J. DAVIS.

A leading merchant of New York City, hearing that I was about to commence a course of Sunday lectures from the Harmonical standpoint...

"I am free to confess that with all the light I have had, I cannot at all times realize fully and perfectly the existence of individual human life in the space above and around me."

ANSWER.—The writer of the foregoing was among the first Spiritualists of New York, whose acquaintance I formed nearly twenty-five years ago...

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Now, candidly, it is not time that philosophical truths be explained to the inquiring intellect? What are philosophic truths? They are statements of the principle and phenomena of nature...

What does it mean when a twenty-five year behaver and supporter of Spiritualism finds his facts, his phenomena, his proofs palpable, his evidences "taking into themselves wings" and slipping away into a dreamy waste of the unobtainable?

My faith upon the same. The evidence is not the ordinary, exhibited in the form of mystery, is once more called to the front...

THE LOGOS OF FACTS.

Mrs. Stewart's "Committee" Unmasked and Shown up in their True Colors and in all their Dark Depravity.

ALF. S. HUTCHINSON

Last Session, Reviewing the "Vindication," and Being Additional Charges of Moral Corruption Thereon.

It was while making a third visit to the "Meca of Marvels" that I received a copy of Mind and Matter containing the "Reply by Annie Stewart's Committee" to the grave charges of fraud and disgraceful practices carried on by Mrs. Annie Stewart and Laura Morgan...

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NATIONAL HOUSE, THREE HAYS, October 14th, 1879, A. M.

Dr. Allen Pence: In the last issue of a certain Philadelphia sheet, copies of the foregoing were distributed through the streets of this city...

A message was returned to the effect that Dr. Pence could not take action in the matter until he had called a meeting of the "committee."

NATIONAL HOUSE, THREE HAYS, October 15th, 1879.

Dr. Allen Pence: Sir,—Having waited twenty-seven hours for a reply to my note of yesterday morning I desire to say that such delay under the circumstances is equivalent to a refusal of my proposition...

I would say further that I am aware of the course you have pursued since the receipt of my note of yesterday, and the means you are using with certain of these witnesses to deter them from testifying to the truth of these interviews...

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Sworn and sworn to before me David N. Taylor, a Notary Public in and for the County of Vigo and State of Indiana, this 15th day of October, 1879.

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By the request of Dr. Pence, Oslean Conant and myself called at Dr. Pence's office on the evening of three weeks ago. In addition to said Pence there were present Mrs. Stewart and the members of the committee...

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CHICAGO, ILL., NOVEMBER 1, 1897.
The Prosecution Closes its Case Against the
Pence Hall Tricksters.

For two years we have declined to publish accounts of the alleged spirit manifestations occurring at Terre Haute. That gross fraud was continually being perpetrated there, we were fully convinced by the most trustworthy evidence, and we hoped that the task of publishing it to the world might fall to other hands than ours.

We have proven persistent, continuous fraudulent practices, swindling and falsehood against Mrs. Annie Stewart and Laura Morgan; we have also conclusively shown that Allen Pence, James Hook and Samuel Conner, the committee having these mediums in charge, are accessories in these fraudulent practices and really the principal offenders in their capacity as managers.

"Spiritualism and mediumship is on trial," say these unconscionable tricksters and yet the reader will note, in the account of Mr. Hutchinson on the inside of this paper, how quickly they shut the door to all evidence as to the fraudulent character of Mrs. Stewart's manifestations, when they find such evidence is forthcoming.

In the so-called "Reply" of Annie Stewart's "Committee" they willfully misrepresent interviews with our witnesses; we support this charge by sworn testimony.

They we have not mentioned, and we do not now mention them, because they are not relevant. We have undertaken to show that Mrs. Stewart, Laura Morgan, and William Conception, and their associates, who have substituted their own private views of sworn testimony and the testimony of trustworthy people, all of whom will make oath if need be. Our purpose is to show these so-called mediums and their accomplices, and committees are wholly unworthy of public confidence or attention.

The Pretense of Persecution.

As Mr. Bennett has ever since his conviction been harping on this string of persecution for his opinion's sake, doubtless we shall be added to the number of those who are said to be joined with his Christian enemies, and who are down in his black list for future punishment, i. e., when he comes home again.

"The fight is not one of obscenity, but one of liberty of opinion. It has always been the fate of advanced opinions to be under the ban of the majority." (For specimens of his "advanced opinions," see his love-letters recently published in the Journal.)

Placing this language in the light of Bennett's real character as shown in his exposure, it is seen to be only unbecome, with a design in it. Bennett is like the apostle Paul, "crafty," and so seeks to catch his unsuspecting gudgeons with "guile." It is the desperate effort of a man who is intriguing for one last grand opportunity to whizzle or swindle the public before his final exposure comes, for he must have known that it was coming sooner or later.

And, therefore, we maintain that the cry of "persecution" for opinions' sake, that has been raised hitherto, is only one of the "artful dodges" by which Bennett seeks to retain his hold upon the public purse through misplaced sympathy. We disclaim all personal feeling in this matter and write only in defense of truth and decency, both of which he has egregiously offended.

Hereafter the cry that he is persecuted because he is an unbeliever in the Christian, or any other religion, can only be the wail of a defeated impostor. Bennett never has been and never will be persecuted or ever prosecuted because he does not believe in the orthodox, trinity or the vicarious atonement!

Mr. Bennett's professed and professed of the law. To every man drawn as juror the following questions were propounded by Mr. Arthur Wabeman:

They then heard the evidence. The prosecution introduced the Truth Seeker for Sept. 7th and 14th, and Dec. 21st 1878, and Feb. 20d, 1879, to prove—that? That Bennett was an infidel or even a Free-lover? Not simply to prove that he had declared that he would sell and send "Cupid's Yokes" through the mails to anybody who would send the money to pay for it, and that he did so sell and send it.

Furthermore, the judge, in his charge to the jury who had sworn to give an impartial verdict, said: "This is not a question of religion, nor a question of the freedom of the press."

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Professor Wundt shares in the distress of Prof. Youmans at the prospect, introduced by modern Spiritualism, of a general confusion of the laws of nature. Wundt says, addressing Uirid: "Whence is the scientific investigator to get courage and perseverance for his work, if the laws of nature, according to the prospect which you open, are approaching a point where they shall be done away with?"

Clean and pure living, good habits, honor, fidelity and integrity, diligence in business, truth and constancy and kindness in family relations, the supremacy of the soul over the senses, leading to a serene self-poise and a well-balanced and nobly wise life, should characterize the enlightened Spiritualist.

Spirit Phenomena—Mediumship an Established Truth.
We consider the reality of spirit manifestations, and of genuine and valuable mediumship, as well established and as amply tested and proven as anything in the realm of science; and it is because we so consider and believe, that we edit the RELIGIO-PSYCHOLOGICAL JOURNAL, devoted to the upholding and propagation of the facts and philosophy of Spiritualism, and to practical reform in life.

A single remarkable fact and test we cannot refrain from giving. In his "Spirit Identity," a London book by Stanton-Moses, an English gentleman of University education and high scholarly and personal reputation, we find the following report of a private seance.

"On May 20th, 1873, at the house of his friend, Dr. Stanhope D. Spear, London, the medium, a gentleman in private life, sitting for the enjoyment and instruction of a small and select company, and not as a professional medium. After raps, table-moving, carrying of small objects from one room to another, with no contact of hands, and some epigrams he held the following conversation with spirits. He wrote the questions, the medium writing the answers, as they purported to come from the spirits.

"No, friends! I cannot, but Zachary Gray and R— can. Are all of these spirits here? I will bring one by and by. I will send. ... R— is here. I am told you can read. Is that so? Can you read a book? (Spirit hand-writing changes.) Yes, friends, with difficulty. Will you write for me the last line of the first book of the Bible? (On a tablet written: 'terris et fluctibus actus.' (Right.)

Strong tests and proofs of spirit-identity, of independent intelligence, free from any mind present. The intelligence claims to be a spirit. What else can it be? This must suffice, for this time. It is because of the strength of our conviction, and our sense of the sacredness and importance of these spirit-facts, and of the ideas they teach and lead to, that we wish fraud to be exposed that truth may shine the brighter.

"One World at a Time."
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A hearty interest in all wise reforms in church and State and social and personal life, and in readiness to join with all sincere workers, of whatever creed or belief. A wise discrimination is needed, to cut the clean from the unclean and to put aside all sham and pretense and all sort of fraud and reform. A faith in the law of progress, and the final conquest of error by truth, we need for a moral courage and consecration to work that shall be maintained and not by all. Our work is now and then, but it will be in the world at a time, and that is the world of eternal life, to which we are, and we are to be Agents.

The Last Fraud.
The last greatest crowning fraud has been exposed, and if the JOURNAL seeks for an equal it will fail to find another. With sorrow and pity, let us regard the would-be martyr, but not overlook and forget the necessities of eternal justice. If he forgot himself and the rights of others; if he lost sight of the responsibilities which were his as a representative of reform, and sold the welfare and honor of a great cause for a selfish purpose, he must bear the results.

Standing at the front, the captain of a vast army, which he declares he is leading to higher and purer grounds, his life should be above reproach, and a shining pattern. He would have us believe it is so, while the truth makes it black with villainy. While the individual D. M. Bennett, I have deepest sympathy, as I have with all who err. I wish that he might be set at liberty and become truly reformed from his overwearing inclination, and go on in the work he has planned. I feel sympathy for him, but stronger yet for the cause he has disgraced.

Professors Wundt admits that the phenomena through Slade are inexplicable, but almost in the same breath he suggests that jugglery is the probable explanation. He says: "But, although we cannot determine how Mr. Slade performs his experiments, I agree with you that we still may not in this case meet the field by an ordinary juggler. For, as you very justly remark, natural science and philosophy are so actively interested in the question concerning the reality or non-reality of the spirit-istic phenomena that we must take some sort of attitude towards it. I confess that after all I have observed, this question would be for me an extremely painful one if with you and the eminent men whose authority you follow, I had to regard as excluded every possible explanation of the phenomena in a natural way—in a way which leaves the universal law of causation untouched."

Hudson Tuttle, Berlin Heights, Ohio, Oct. 24th.

"The Universal Law of Causation."

This it will be seen that Professor Wundt assumes the very point which is disputed by Spiritualists, namely, that the laws of nature are violated by the spiritual phenomena. Would it not be more modest in a philosopher to say, "I must enlarge my view of the laws of nature; here is a new order of phenomena introduced; man subjects matter to his needs, and why should not spirits have a similar power, though greatly enlarged?"

"It is not a scientific basis the intellect of the age demands of the churches; it is morality," says the gentle dogmatist of the Chicago Times. Now if there is anything that the intellect of the age has demonstrated, it is that a very high degree of morality may exist outside of the churches, and where there is no religion whatever. Such examples as the brothers, Humboldt, David Strauss, Professor Clifford, Robert Inger, soil, Prof. B. F. Underwood, Frederic Harrison, Leslie Stephen, etc., are types of a large and increasing class. They were or are highly moral men, and at the same time entirely destitute of belief in religion. If the Times critic depends on the "churches" for the morality of the race, he will be disappointed. The business of the churches is to save souls eternally. The value of their "moral religion," whose value for this world seems to be measured by the number of converts they can maintain in their pews, is that morality is nothing but a means to an end, and that end is the world of eternal life, to which we are, and we are to be Agents.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me... DAVID W. TAYLOR, N.P.

Next in order comes James Hook... who has a controlling interest in the firm...

Mr. Hook is engaged in business in Terre Haute... and is reputed to be financially prospering...

Mr. Samuel Conner makes up this notorious... and does little more... He is a nonentity...

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With commendable stupidity they insert a certificate from John Thomas... testifying to a similar fraud...

Further on they insert a letter from one Kaufman... for the purpose of showing that the picture was made in their gallery...

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But he is not thereby excluded. The answer to prayer is in accordance with the Divine will... but he is not thereby excluded...

Communication from E. V. Wilson.

To the Editor of the Belgio-Philosophical Journal: I am preparing a series of tests of spirit-life for the BELGIC-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL... To the Editor of the Belgio-Philosophical Journal...

George J. Holyoake in defending... George J. Holyoake in defending...

THE VERDICT OF THE PEOPLE.

The last issue of the Independent Age, of Alliance, Ohio, contains an editorial which so fairly and fully expresses the prevailing opinion that we publish it entire, as follows:

We have read carefully all the defense of the Committee... we have read carefully all the defense...

Let any unprejudiced, candid person read the testimony on both sides... let any unprejudiced, candid person...

A Hypocrite Unmasked.

The Chicago Daily Inter-Ocean of Oct. 23d, says:

Some months since D. M. Bennett was arrested on the charge of circulating obscene literature through the mails... some months since D. M. Bennett...

These letters do not, of course, change the legal status of the case... these letters do not, of course, change...

GEORGE J. HOLYOAKE'S ADDRESS.

Tolerance in Matters of Religious Opinion—Reasoned Truth, Not Falsehood, to be Tolerated.

Yesterday forenoon the desk of Parker Memorial was occupied by the English agitator, George Jacob Holyoake... yesterday forenoon the desk of Parker...

He began his address yesterday forenoon by saying that he little thought when Mr. Parker called upon him during his last trip in Europe... he began his address yesterday forenoon...

We are pained to be called upon to speak thus plainly, but Mr. Hook's letter in the last Mind and Matter... we are pained to be called upon...

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A Specimen of Religious Opinions.

The Spiritualists lately in session at New Haven have adopted a platform sympathetic with D. M. Bennett... The Spiritualists lately in session at New Haven...

Just as I wish to reach as large a class as possible—all it with among the clergy... just as I wish to reach as large a class...

Then, too, Spiritualists and Liberals will praise you, money will be raised for you, and you will be called a martyr! The Spiritualist and Liberal papers of this country see the fraud of the whole thing... then, too, Spiritualists and Liberals...

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Religious Denunciations of Spiritualism.

The following excellent remarks by Miss Emily G. Jones, at present in London, are from the London Spiritualist of August 1st: "Those who recognize an enthusiastic striving after right in all its forms of varied levitation, as the corner-stone of religion, will accord the palm of superior excellence to any revelation which most vividly, directly, and constantly impresses upon us the vital importance of spiritual culture; and I will venture to say that none which the world has ever received compares with Spiritualism in that respect."

Rather an interesting case was up this week before the County Court. A modest bill of Mr. B. Rathbun was presented against the estate of Richard Boyce, for medical services in treating the patient by magnetism... rather an interesting case was up this week...

Spiritual Convention at Binghamton, N. Y.

The Binghamton Valley Spiritual Association will hold its third Annual Meeting at Leonard's Hall, Binghamton, N. Y., commencing Friday, November 7th and continuing three days... The Binghamton Valley Spiritual Association...

Quarterly Convention.

The Spiritualists and Liberals of Van Buren County and the counties adjoining, will hold their next Quarterly Convention at Decatur, in Town Hall, on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 1st and 2nd, 1879, commencing at 8 o'clock P. M. on Saturday... The Spiritualists and Liberals of Van Buren...

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