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The Jonah Myth.

The Rev. E. P. Goodwin, pastor of a Congregational church in this city, has announced himself as a believer in the story of Jonah and the whale. It is doubtless wasting time and space on such numskulls to name them.

"Sherbets new chilled with snows of Himalaya" - and we venture, on this authority, to predict that any missionary who had ever met a king of Siam in warm weather, would have found him drinking his sherry with ice instead of denying that ice could exist.

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attacked the monster or "great whale" and was swallowed whole, (sunset) but cutting his way out he set free all the inhabitants of the world" (sunrise). Among the Zulus instead of a whale it is an elephant which has swallowed up the world.

Christ and the Wine.

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which so much has been said and written? Then the basis of all the other so-called miracles is shattered. Will it accept it literally with its moral consequences? Talmadge shouts yes, and leads the forlorn hope.

The Sunday Law in Louisville.

There is a law in Louisville against performing labor on Sunday—the very day on which, according to the Bible, God began his labors in creating the world—and it authorizes the arrest and punishment of all who work for pay on that day.

Joseph Cook.

Joseph Cook is performing the difficult feat of trying to become a philosopher and observer of phenomena, and at the same time retain his "reverend." He should have learned, before this, never to apologize, never to allow himself to be put upon the defensive and never to explain his position.

Prof. Crookes on Spiritualism.

Rev. Joseph Cook's recent lectures on Spiritualism, have created a widespread desire among inquirers to become more fully acquainted with Prof. Crookes's experiments, alluded to by Mr. Cook; we are therefore greatly indebted to Bro. Herman Snow, of San Francisco, for the able condensation of Mr. Crookes's account of his investigations.

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

Mrs. O. A. Bishop, the medium, has removed to No. 15 North Peoria street. Last Sunday Bishop A. Beals lectured at Saugatuck, Mich. Sunday May 8th he speaks at Fennville, and on the 16th at Breedsville.

Channing and Paine.

The orators at the Channing celebrations failed to allude to the fact, which is brought out by Mr. Abbott in the last Index, that Channing preached thirty-five years to a slave-holding congregation at Richmond, Virginia.

The announcement by Rev. George Chalmers, of Evansville, Indiana, that he could no longer lead the worship of a Unitarian church, because, in his growth, he had found even the remnant of christian shackles involved in Unitarianism an impediment and hypocrisy, is one which naturally attracts the attention of "Liberal christians" in a marked degree.

Mr. A. B. French's timely and suggestive article, "Rationalism vs. Catholicism," which appears on the second page, shows that he is still alive to the interest of the people though engrossed in private business.

Dr. Dake writes us that having rested and recruited his health, he is now in better condition than ever for professional work and has located in Brooklyn. The Doctor had fine success in the West and with restored health he has good reason to anticipate increased good fortune in his new location.

Capt. H. H. Brown speaks at Willimantic, Conn., the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of May. He will arrange for the other two elsewhere. He intends to visit Chicago during the second week of June, and will make engagements on the line of any rail road route to and from that city, for week days and Sundays between May 31st and June 7th, inclusive. Address him at Willimantic, Conn.

Mrs. Hollis-Billing has been obliged to bring her stay in Chicago to an abrupt termination owing to business matters which call her to New York. Her short stay here has been greatly enjoyed by her numerous friends and her early return is hoped for. We hope her experience in New York City may be as pleasant as it always has been here, and we presume it will, for in addition to her superior mediocrity gifts she is a lady of fine social qualities, endearing herself to all who become well acquainted with her.

Judge Coombs takes issue, in this paper, with our esteemed friend Dr. Brittan, on the much vexed and still very cloudy subject of spirit materialization. We welcome to our columns thoughtful and candid discussion, believing that only by such means can we arrive at the truth. We have too much faith in Spiritualism to dread thorough and critical investigation; and believe the well-intended but foolish "harmony" policy which smothers agitation, to be the bane of advancing growth in our ranks.

Dr. E. W. Stevens writes: "Last Sunday I spent with Dr. A. B. Spinney and his estimable family in Detroit. He is so well as to enjoy the quiet love and peace of his own home. Society may be glad. He is apparently well. Yet as a consequence of his recent illness, he is quite sensitive and a little nervously weak. But a few days will put him safely in his normal standard of health and power, together with experience paying the cost of sickness."

A FEAT OF MEMORY.—A correspondent in New York under the heading "A Feat of Memory," writes to Nature as follows: "The following feat of memory seems to be worthy of record in your pages. It came under the notice of the writer at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York. There the attendant, who is on duty several hours a day, has sometimes as many as five hundred hats in his possession at one time. A majority of them belong to people whom he has never seen before, and there is a constant flux of persons in and out. Yet even a momentary hesitation in selecting the right hat rarely occurs. The performer at the above hotel says that he forms a mental picture of the owner's face inside the hat, and that on looking at any hat the wearer's face is instantly brought before his mind's eye."

Light for All.

The above is to be the name of a monthly journal devoted to modern Spiritualism, the publication of which will be commenced at San Francisco, Cal., the 15th of this month. A. S. Winchester is to be Manager. He will give an epitome of the weekly meetings at the different halls in San Francisco, and of the many mediums' weekly work, so far as he can get it, and such other matters as may prove interesting to liberal minds, including the general progress of the spiritual philosophy throughout the world. Terms \$1.00 per year. We hope that Mr. Winchester will meet with great success in his new field of labor.



Voices from the People.

AND INFORMATION ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS PERTAINING TO THE HARMONIAL PHILOSOPHY.

There's Good in All.

The great Divine Ruler has so planned and fashioned the laws of nature, that the abatement of every thing has a reason...

Where is the brother or sister, if debarred from the sunshine of friends, but would feel that? What is there in this world worth living for...

I would ask: Where is there as good a place to plant the seeds of benevolence and justice as under the parental roof? How many of us with our everyday cares, throes and perils...

We call the joyful anthem sung 'O'er this terrestrial ball,' from every note the praise be sung: There's good, there's good in all.

There's good in every man's intent, if reason be his guide, There's secret monitor Will lead us not aside.

Mrs. Anna Shadle.

"Morality and Religion," etc.

The article in the JOURNAL of March 13th, headed "Morality and Religion Alone not Sufficient—They Must be Backed by Force," seems to me to be philosophical.

I realize that without war the blessings of peace would be unknown; that without sin and conflict which attend it, there would be no progress.

OLIVER PORTER.

The setting of a great hope is like the setting of the sun. The brightness of our life is gone. Shadows of evening fall around us, and the world seems like a dim reflection—its broader shadow.

Letter of Invitation to all the Spiritu- alists of the Earth.

THE CIRCLE—"THE TRUTH"—LOVE UNTO THE MOST DISTANT.

REPUBLIC OF MEXICO.

Dear Brothers in Faith:

From the knowledge of the healthful principles of spiritualism, which has opened our souls to the light of the truth, we have consecrated ourselves to sustain and propagate its doctrines.

Up to the present time, there has not existed among the diverse Spiritual circles other relations than the courteous exchange of publications; now we think that in the nature of our principles, it develops the necessity of maintaining our relations more intimate and close.

To avoid these evils (which give an apparent triumph to our adversaries) what we propose, calling to all our brothers for a union indissoluble which corresponds to the solidarity of the doctrine we profess.

We have always entertained the profound conviction that the circles established in all parts of the world, are not—as it thus—more than the links of the chain that unites the earth to the immortal; if this is so, we all tend to the same light; if impelled by the same desire, then why do we live independent one from the other?

We trust that penetrated by the spirit that guides all our brothers will respond to our invitation, mutually extending their arms with the same love, with the same good will with which some day, our spirits will love in the space without bounds, in the life without end.

How ought we to verify this union? Under what basis ought we to establish our relations? We do not attempt to indicate it, preferring to submit the project to illustration of the brothers, who adopting our idea, answer us satisfactorily.

Correspondence from Springfield, Mass.

The lectures by Henry Kiddie, of New York, on the Bible and Modern Spiritualism, and the Soul's Salvation were given here the 15th of April at Gill's Hall.

Washington Glodder, the literary preacher of the North Congregational Church in this city, is throwing out from Sunday to Sunday fresh thoughts on new subjects, and leading his congregation forward as fast as they can bear the light.

I listened to a discourse from Rev. Phillips Brooks, of Boston, at the Episcopal Church here on Easter Sunday. He took bold ground and addressed his people as a man.

Quite a sensation has been produced here lately by the distribution through the city of a spiritual message from the late William Gunn, a prominent wholesale liquor dealer, who passed away last fall.

Y. L. W. Willis spoke here the 25th of April, and gave a good lecture. It will be a great improvement here if such lecturers as Peabody, Kiddie, Willis, Denton, Baxter, Lynn, Wheelock, and others of same grade are called to the exclusion of clap-trap speakers and mere sensationalists.

A Curious Incident.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

As I see an occasional request in your paper for a notice of a spiritual nature, I have decided to send you a somewhat singular one which occurred some years ago at Petersburg, Va.

Cleveland Notes.

The Cleveland Society may well be proud of the success of the exercises held to celebrate the Twenty-Sixth Anniversary of the Spiritualist.

The singing was by the Grotian-Smith family, father, mother and six children, and with it out fear of contradiction, we say that they have no superiors in the ranks of liberalism or anywhere else.

Mrs. Miller and Independent State-Writing.

I wish to call your attention to a feature of Spiritualism that I have never seen in print. Mrs. Miller, as I have told you before, is an excellent state-writing medium.

A. P. Miller, editor of the Worthington (Miss.) Advance, writes: My interest in the JOURNAL and the great cause never abates. We are in a church-ridden town, but the leaves are working here beautifully.

Watchman, What of the Night?

From my tower of observation I perceive that the foe is vigilant, vicious and bitter, leaving no stone unturned to accomplish our overthrow.

Q.—What is the difference between moral and Christian Spiritualism? A.—Moralism is a system or practice of moral duties, and is involved in six commands: 1. Thou shalt do no murder.

Your second weak point may be found in the disposition of many to amalgamate Spiritualism and materialism in all of its multifarious relations, such as atheist, materialist, Utilitarian, Unitarian, or Christianly in any of its relations.

The sixth weak point is in your disjointed, unharmonious management of your conventions, societies and meetings, and in the silly cry of a free platform, free speech, etc.

Let us be Spiritualists, making everything else subservient to Spiritualism.

Franklin's Spiritualism.

Notes and Extracts.

A well-spent life is like a well-spent day; at its close there is a wish for a rest.

Riches and honor, acquired by injustice are no riches, and no honor.—Confucius.

Modern Spiritualism teaches the continued existence of human spirits, that their condition in spirit life depends upon the condition of their earthly life.

Golden Words from the Golden State.

Below we give an extract from a business letter written by a gentleman of wide experience and culture, who is well and favorably known even beyond the ranks of Spiritualists.

Rev. Joseph Cook.

Rev. Joseph Cook is on the right road at last; he approaches the "Gates Ajar"; he knocks and lo! the gates open to him.

Little Falls, N. Y.

H. Link.

The Ethics of Spiritualism.

"A System of Moral Philosophy Founded on Evolution and the Continuity of Man's Existence Beyond the Grave," by Hudson Tuttle. Published by the Religio-Philosophical Publishing Company, Chicago.

John A. Hoover, of Philadelphia, writes: Permit me to bear testimony in appreciation of that portion of the JOURNAL which contains the communications through Clara A. Robinson.

Babbitt, April 18th, the First Association were highly honored with the presence of the venerable Giles B. Robinson. He shared the platform in the morning with Brother Lynn and gave us quite an interesting address relative to the progress of the great work.

Envy, like the worm, never runs but to the fairest fruit; like a cunning blood hound, it singles out the fattest deer in the flock.

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