



LIFE WITH THE SPIRITS.

By Ex-Clericus.

(Continued from last Number.)

ANOTHER NEW WORK BEFORE ME. My volume, "Spirit-Intercourse," being at length fairly before the public, there immediately came up before me another important enterprise...

This registry-book has proved to be an interesting reminder of persons and events of the time, as I thus accumulated a large list of early believers and investigators...

That Mr. Garrison was a decided and outspoken Spiritualist at this early stage of the movement, I have ample reasons for believing, or rather knowing. It is true that he did not give public prominence to his belief...

During my occupancy here my own mediumistic tendencies seemed to concentrate in the direction of a developing power, which was freely used for the benefit of the many half-developed ones who called from time to time...

In this kind of action I seemed to be simply a conductor of the spirit magnetism. It required no conscious effort on my part, excepting to remain as passive as possible...

although the main magnetic current came from spirit helpers, yet that to a certain extent, my own vital force had to be made use of also...

George Thompson Reviewed.

Through that talented medium, Mrs. Richmond, the spirit of George Thompson, in his discourse on "One Year's Experience in Spirit-life," makes some remarks regarding his life in the Spirit-world...

Evidently George Thompson has become imbued with the principles of Brahma and Buddha, a self-satisfied condition of absorption in some ideal being. He has gone back to that condition which actuated the religious world prior to the advent of Spiritualism...

Before the advent of Spiritualism, it was the custom of Christians to despise the handicraft of the great Creator, to call man a "wile creature," and the beautiful earth a "charnel house," to consider all the wonderful mechanism of human life as below the notice of a sanctified soul!

The time is past when Simon Stylites uplifted upon his pillar, is better than he who toils below on the plain in this world or any other. The long avenues of waving trees, smooth lawns and bright stretches of flowers...

How do spiritual things differ from material ones? Only in degree do they differ. Mr. Thompson says, "But for my life there is no temple, there is no shrine, there are no trees; I am living in a world of minds; my thought flows toward them and theirs toward me continually..."

Oh! George Thompson, wise and free spirit, do not teach us to despise the very conditions which have awakened all the sublime and reverential thoughts of which we are capable!

That there is a condition of mind on earth similar to what George Thompson describes, no one will deny; that the orator in his highest flights of eloquence becomes oblivious to externals, forgets the platform or desk, and soars in a region of pure thought, is true...

Medium for "Strange Visitors," Park Place, Saratoga Springs.

An Excellent Medium in Detroit.

For two years past the attention of a coterie, comprising a few persons prominent in business and social circles, has been directed to spiritual manifestations in its higher phases through the mediumship of a young lady belonging to a well-connected French family residing on Fort St. West...

spirit controls her organs of speech, thus talking and writing with coherent facility at the same time. Her personations include Chinese, French, Indian, negro and other characters with the correctness of a dialect artist...

"Love, the essence of purity, innocence, strength, power of good, and this is your Jesus. The great Creator—love Him with all your heart and your best of conscience..."

We see but half the causes of our deeds, Seeking them wholly in the outer life—Needless of the encircling Spirit-world Which, though unseen, is felt, And shows in us all germs of pure and world-like purposes...

A brother of the medium has a partly developed faculty for sketching ancient personages, purporting to represent King Solomon, Greek sculptors, poets, etc., etc.

The initials are intended to represent William Wilberforce. All the messages are in a similar strain, inculcating the moralities of a better life, and of the spiritual world as practicabilities in this, and counselling virtue and goodness for their own sake.

Detroit, Mich. Medium or Mantac—Which?

The New York Observer, a paper claiming to be "the best family, religious and secular paper," under the heading, "Prayer with one deranged," relates how a Mr. Bedell, then a young clergyman, now bishop in one of the church organizations, forty years ago, while at a meeting for prayer and reading a psalm of David, on reaching the word "Messiah," was interrupted by an unearthly shriek that chilled the currents of his blood...

My chorister had gone, all music had by this time deserted my soul. I knew that my friend (the lady) had no ear for music; had never turned a tune in her life, could not even sing a lullaby to her children in the nursery...

That is the whole story. Minister and re-

ligious paper can't account for the phenomenon. They say, "Explain it who can." They say it twice in the article. The paper heads the article by stamping the lady as "deranged," whatever that may be, but does not question the facts. Here we have a spirit claiming, through the mouth of a medium, that she is the mother of the "Messiah," and who shrieks at the style and manner in which his name is introduced at a meeting professedly held for his honor...

Spiritual Revelation.

Two orders of thought are contending inside modern Spiritualism. The one advocates that utterances through mediumship should be accepted as revelations of God to man, the other that the facts of mediumship are spiritual and physical phenomena, to be observed and classified, so that new principles and spiritual and intellectual laws may therefrom be deduced...

Every week for the last thirty years new truths, both of great and of small but of permanent value to the world, have first been made known at the Thursday evening meetings of the Royal Society, whilst in the same period not a single new truth relating to physics has been presented to mankind through spiritual, mesmeric, or clairvoyant sources...

Granting that nothing in relation to the physical universe but phenomena taboed by the ignorant has been produced through the mediumship of what spiritual revelations have come through the same channel? The doctrine of eternal progression, also of the untruth of the doctrine of eternal punishment...

So far, our line of argument has pointed in the direction that normal intelligence can reveal more religious truth than can come through the abnormal phenomena of mediumship. But there is something to be said on the other side, and one strongly practical instance can be advanced. Swedenborg was a medium, perhaps the greatest medium who ever lived, and he through mediumship was the first to reveal to the world the fact of the community of sensation between certain spirits, and that in the Spirit-world nearness or distance depend not upon time or space, but upon the nearness or the distance of true affections...

Dr. J. K. Bailey's Dream and its Interpretation. To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: In the JOURNAL of Feb. 14th, I noticed an account of a dream, the experience of Dr. J. K. Bailey, together with an attempt at its interpretation by the Doctor himself, and believing he has misinterpreted its chief parts, I beg leave to offer my views of it...

The dream, as Dr. Bailey states, occurred on the Saturday following the nomination of Rutherford B. Hayes for President of the United States, 1876. The Doctor had undoubtedly, previous to this time, been anxiously considering the probable results of the then approaching Presidential election, and this dream was the answer to his anxious mind in regard to the matter, and is a most clear and minute foreshadowing of many of the details of the results of that complicated and threatening event...

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Green grass represents the active industrial pursuits; dry grass, the suspension of those pursuits; a well represents a subject in which we must search deeply for the truth of the matter; a horse represents a policy or object which one may be pursuing; the legs, that which is the support of what may be the subject of the dream; the feet, the foundation of the matter; death represents a powerless or inactive condition, and the definition applies to principles, persons, classes of persons or a policy adopted for the accomplishment of a purpose...

The Doctor seemed to be standing in a pasture field where the grass appeared dry. He saw an old fashioned well with curb and sweep, and a man with a pike pole endeavoring to get something out of it. The pasture field represented the political field of the United States, and in accordance with our definitions, the dry grass represented the partial suspension of the industrial pursuits and the general stagnation of business, which was produced by the unsettled condition of the Presidential question during several months succeeding the fall election of 1876. The man at the well represented the masses of the American people, who were anxiously endeavoring to get at the truth and justice of the Presidential muddle. Then there appeared an old skeleton of a horse walking slowly across the field, and he laid down and went through the contortions of death. This dilapidated horse represented the poor and inefficient policy first adopted by Congress for the settlement of this question. The horse died when that plan failed; but his appearance suddenly changed to that of a fine well bred animal, perfect in all his parts. He appeared to be of a bay color, with black limbs and very large feet, and with shoes worn bright with use. The sudden change in the appearance of the horse represented the proposition by Congress for the submission of the Presidential question to the Judges of the Supreme Court. Success first appears in this proposition, in the perfect form of the horse; but justice was not in it because he did not appear white; in fact, fraud is here typified by the black legs. The very large feet represented the substantial foundation of that mode of settlement. The shoes, worn bright with use, very aptly represented the tribunal who were practical in the consideration of abstract questions. The scene was again changed—the horse was upon his feet trotting to a stable which he entered, and where he was still in plain view, enjoying his food, while the man at the well abandoned his efforts in searching and went to the horse and stooped for more feed for him. The horse was placed upon his feet when the "eight" declared in favor of R. B. Hayes, against the seven, and the Republican policy then "trotted" into the full enjoyment of the public offices, while the American people sought no more for the truth or justice of the matter, but honored R. B. H. as President of the United States, as was so aptly typified by the man at the well who abandoned his efforts there and went and fed the horse...

Dr. Bailey appears to have fallen into the error common to nearly all interpreters, in failing to perceive the fact that ideas, principles, customs and systems of things or classes of people, are represented in dreams by the living, speaking or acting forms of man or beast. I have fully demonstrated this in my work entitled, "The Interpreter and Translator of the Books of Daniel and the Revelations of St. John;" now on sale at the Religio-Philosophical Publishing House. In that work I have demonstrated the fact that what has appeared as the delirious fancies of the ancient prophets, was in fact a true forecast of the great events of the worlds past, present and future history.

Dreams and visions have a distinct and definite language; it is not arbitrary and changeable like human language, but is unchangeable and common to all ages and nations. It is the language of nature and of the spiritual world, a language of symbols.

Peoria, Illinois. JAMES MONROE.

Pagan self-assertion is one of the elements of human work as well as Christian self-denial.—John Sterling.

Justice and prudence are virtues which can exist only in a moderate degree, and which change their nature and their name if pushed to excess.—Macaulay.

Well, supposed life be a desert! There are halting places, and shades, and refreshing waters; let us profit by them to-day. We know that we must march on when to-morrow comes and tramp on our destiny onward.—Thackeray.







Voices from the People.

AND INFORMATION ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS PERTAINING TO THE HARMONICAL PHILOSOPHY.

Poetry by a Maniac.

The following little poem was given to me by Mrs. J. R. Walker, wife of a well known dentist of New Orleans...

I copy the poem verbatim, changing nothing of its names or dates. I can add nothing to its history...

Mrs. E. L. Saxon. WRITING OF HUNDRED SPIRITS—SONG FOR PIANO MUSIC.

BY THE IRON HAND.

They know not all the truth Who say they never meet...

For in the fairy land of dreams, And in the Spirit-world...

No stronger hand a greeting sends, Braver brother to thine eye...

And while the harp strings of the heart, With heaven's own music sound...

For the pearl of the Asylum, Mons. La Mort. Libra, 1857.

What is Liberalism?

The Liberalism which attaches itself to Spiritualism, is the Liberalism which has to have a following...

I have seen persons who, when I have described certain spirits standing near them...

A simple fact of spirit communion has but little meaning unless it is backed by a true and philosophical religion...

18 Bond st., New York.

John Blithwick writes: You have passed through a stormy year, but most valiantly you stemmed the torrent of abuse...

Mrs. A. J. Bump writes: We have taken the JOURNAL, with the exception of two years...

Reinhardt Miller writes: The JOURNAL is a welcome friend in our house every week...

Brooklyn (N. Y.) Spiritual Fraternity, Downing Hall.

A deeply interested audience listened to the clear philosophical lecture of Col. Wm. Hemstreet, before our Fraternity this evening...

"The Spiritual Body is the title that your President gave for his subject of my lecture...

The speaker proceeded to quote from Herbert Spencer and other authors, who give varied definitions of the word 'spirit'...

"We are at rest, and that it matches with much social phenomena, and with the common traditions of mankind as expressed in the use of the words angels, spirits, ghosts, mediums, etc..."

The lecturer quoted from ancient and modern thinkers all along the ages, to show that soul was existent, tangible and real, and that it was to exist for all eternity as a substantial individuality...

Col. Hemstreet had recently paid a visit to Charles F. Foster, the well known medium of New York City, and by special request related the substance of what he received...

W. C. Bowen, a very able speaker, and a clear and radical thinker, gives the opening address at our next meeting, February 28th...

Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 28th, 1880.

"P." writes as follows from Saratoga Springs, N. Y.: It seems to me there are not as many traveling expositors as there were years ago...

THE REV. MR. WEBSTER'S VISION.

The Quebec Clergyman Describes His Angelic Visitor.

[From the Toronto Mail.]

How is it that a man will wake up at an unreasonable hour of the night to be interviewed by a spirit, whom he thinks he recognizes; who gives him a message he puts so much confidence in that he dares not reveal it...

QUEBEC, Feb. 17th.—The excitement of the hour is still the Rev. Mr. Webster's vision and the local paper this morning has the following report of an interview with the reverend gentleman...

Q.—Have you any objection to give a more detailed account of the manifestations alluded to in your sermon last night? A.—There are some particulars which I cannot make public...

Q.—What was the form and appearance of the vision? A.—The vision appeared to me while in bed about 2 A. M. on Monday last...

Q.—Did you speak to the spirit? A.—No. Q.—Did it speak to you? A.—No. Q.—Did you not receive a message by the vision, and how? A.—The vision and a message to me, but I cannot and dare not reveal what was shown me...

In addition to the foregoing answers, the reporter elicited from the reverend gentleman that he had taken down in Greek the message communicated to him; also, that after the disappearance of the vision he had become very much agitated, and had decided not to remain in the house at night alone...

Letter from an Investigator.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: I am an investigator of Spiritualism, so far as phenomena pertain, and I would like some light on the subject...

Will some one please explain why it is that Spiritualism is increasing so rapidly under the mainfold 'exposures' which are taking place daily throughout the country...

Dr. John C. Wyman, of Brooklyn, N. Y., writes: In renewing my subscription for your invaluable paper, I take pleasure in expressing my sincerest appreciation of your noble exertions in the cause of truth and progress...

Items from the Pacific Coast.

Longfellow Meets Peter Rugg.

[From the Cambridge (Mass.) Tribune.]

A pleasing story is told in our city regarding an experience of our venerable poet. Until the Charles River was bridged in this century, the way from Cambridge to Boston led round the wide mouth of that stream...

People in the North-western States sometimes endeavor upon the business in Chicago of buying and selling grain futures, but if they could see how the business of buying and selling stock is conducted...

Returning to the vision, we take the Central Pacific again in the evening, and passing over the Sierras reach the valley of the Colorado...

Mr. Emma Hardinge-Britten, now lecturing in San Francisco, is drawing crowded houses, and in our next, will try to give your readers a synopsis of such lectures as we may be able to attend.

The Opium Habit, etc.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: Our success here is, I am thankful to state, unparalleled...

Mr. J. C. Hoffman, M. D., Lebanon, Ohio, writes: We know Dr. Hoffman and can bear witness to the magical cure of the opium habit in his own case...

A. P. H. writes: The Spiritual Tree is prolific of wonders and strange theories, but the latest novelty seems to be a small portion of the soul has the power of self-annihilation through disobedience of law...

When I am assailed with heavy tribulations, I rush out among my pigs rather than remain alone by myself. The hum in heart is like a million in a milk when you put wheat under it...

We have the heaven of orthodox—a paradise of rich gold, a locally possessing a grandeur and magnificence far transcending anything the most fertile imagination could portray...

The sentence, "Dust thou art, and to dust thou shalt return," may seem a hard one, but as it cannot be reversed or modified, it must be accepted with submission...

E. Mattison writes: I have taken the JOURNAL for about twelve years, and have never missed a number. I hope you will not let me be buried at you disturb your equality...

A. Steiner writes: I will work on and ever for the JOURNAL; it is the paper for the million.

EXPERIENCES OF JUDGE J. W. EDMONDS, IN SPIRIT LIFE. Given Inspirationally by Mrs. Clara L. V. (Toppam) Edmonds, in two Lectures, with a Poem, "THE HOME OF THE SPIRIT."

JUST PUBLISHED. WHAT WAS HE? OR JESUS IN THE LIGHT OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

CHILDHOOD OF THE WORLD; A SIMPLER ACCOUNT OF MAN IN EARLY TIMES.

HAFED, PRINCE OF PERSIA: HIS EXPERIENCE IN Earth-Life and Spirit-Life.

JESUS OF NAZARETH; OR, A TRUE HISTORY OF THE Man called Jesus Christ.

THE CLOCK STRUCK ONE AND Christian Spiritualist.

WORLDS WITHIN WORLDS. WONDERFUL DISCOVERIES IN ASTRONOMY. The Sun and Stars Inhabited.

PRACTICAL INSTRUCTION IN ANIMAL MAGNETISM.

SOMETHING NEW! SPIRITUALISM PICTORIALLY ILLUSTRATED.

TRANSITION; OR, CELESTIAL VISITANTS.

THE RISE AND PROGRESS OF SPIRITUALISM IN ENGLAND.

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THE VOICES. BY WARREN SCHNER BARLOW.

POEMS FROM AN INNER LIFE.

STARTLING FACTS IN MODERN SPIRITUALISM. BY N. B. WOLFE, M. D.

STATUOLISM; OR, ARTIFICIAL SOMNAMBULISM, HEREDITARILY CALLED MESMERISM, OR, ANIMAL MAGNETISM.

THE TRUTHS OF SPIRITUALISM. IMMORTALITY PROVED BEYOND A DOUBT, BY LIVING WITNESSES.

THE PLANCHETTE. WHAT IS SAID OF IT.

NARCOTINA ANTIDOTUM. THE GREAT MAGNETIC REMEDY. FOR THE CURE OF THE OPIUM HABIT.

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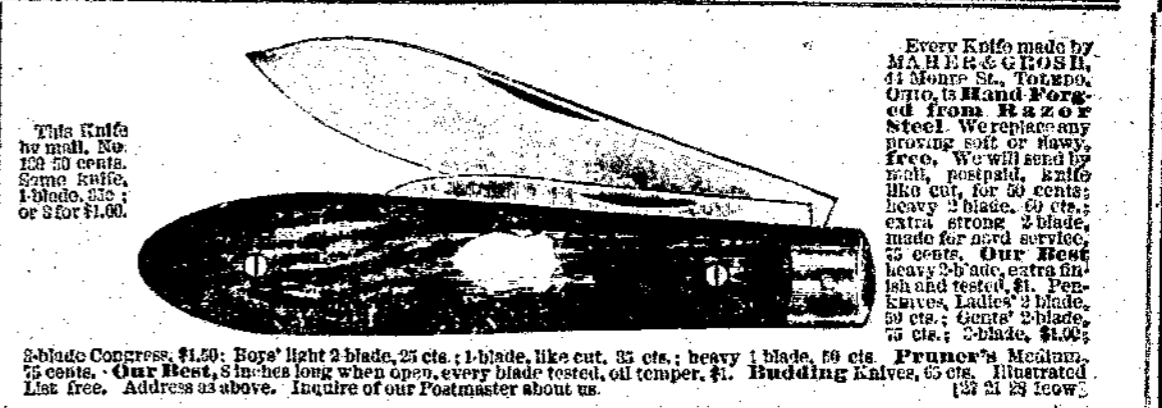
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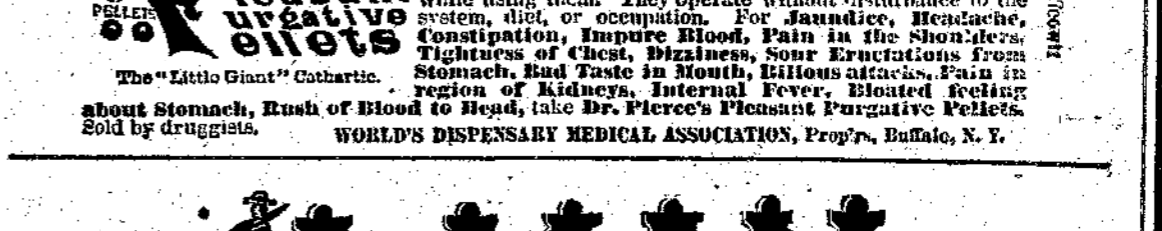
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