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Theosophy.

We have received from London a little volume of 138 pages, entitled, "Theosophy and the Higher Life, or Spiritual Dynamics and the Divine and Miraculous Man."

Many of the phenomena in Spiritualism he sets down to the unconscious action of the medium's own spirit; and there is much that he has to say on this subject which is worthy attention.

But Dr. Wild is of opinion that man is equally a spiritual being whether his body be alive or dead, and that the spirits of certain human beings may leave the body in sleep or during entrancement, or during mere "absence of mind," when the double may become visible; while other human beings exist who can, by practice of will-force, project their souls or spirits externally to the body, and operate on matter at a distance by what is called magical power.

But ought not one to be a butterfly, Doctor, before being sure of this last assumption? And when you say that "the somnambule has no knowledge of the normal man," you say what the experience of many mesmerizers contradicts.

Still, though we have questioned the term of some of Dr. Wyld's arguments, we think, he is entirely right in the remark that, "Man is only half known to himself."

With regard to the "Theosophy" of the volume we confess we are not sufficiently

advanced in knowledge to admit or deny it. Our conclusions in respect to the spiritual and immortal nature of man are based upon highly suggestive facts daily demonstrable.

The Theosophical Society, we are told, teaches that "man is a trine being of body, soul and spirit, and that it is his duty to bring his food under the subjection of the body; the body under subjection to the will or soul, and the soul under the subjection to the spirit, and the spirit under subjection to the will of God;"

The valuable part of Dr. Wyld's interesting little volume is, we think, that relating to Spiritualism. It is evident that his theosophy has not shaken his faith in regard to the interpretation of those phenomena concerning which nearly all Spiritualists are in accord.

"Of matter itself spiritual phenomena go to prove that, as it has no existence, matter being only form assumed by spirit. Granting, for convenience, ultimate atoms, spirit takes these and builds them into any form it may desire or imagine."

We commend "Theosophy" to our readers as a highly interesting work, including in a convenient form all that is probably known to justify this supplementary faith, which Madame Blavatsky and Col. Olcott seem to have been commissioned to engraft on Spiritualism pure and simple.

Dr. Tanner.

Dr. Tanner while on the way to New York to perform his forty-days' fast, stated as we are advised, to a medical friend in this city, that he would be aided in his fast by the spirits.

"What I Live For."

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Hannah Ewer, of Pultneyville, N. Y., writes us that the poem was published in "Life Illustrated," a paper published by Fowler & Wells, 303 Broadway, New York, November 4th, 1854, and is there credited to G. Linnaeus Banks, as taken from the Dublin University Magazine.

We received the report of the Michigan Mediums' Medical Association, by Mrs. L. E. Bailey, too late for this issue; it will appear next week.

We have received a communication from Mrs. E. L. Saxon, which will appear in our next issue.

EDITORIAL NOTES OF TRAVEL.

Number Two.

Two hours' ride from the center of American culture, brought us far down Cape Cod to what promises to be a central point for spiritual culture. Nestling in a beautiful grove which fringes a land-locked arm of the Atlantic, we found the village of Onset Bay Grove.

On the evening of the 31st ult., through the courtesy of that staunch friend of honest mediums, Mrs. Lita Barney Sayles, we attended a seance given by Mrs. Emma Weston, at the cottage of Mr. A. W. Wilcox of Worcester.

Upon the general request of the observers we placed Mrs. Weston's extended hands one upon the other and wetting the plaster bound them closely together, extending the strips so near to the ends of the fingers as to prevent their being moved.

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you to come here to-night. She was dreadfully afraid and nervous over it and tried to get Mr. Oldham to go and tell you it wouldn't be convenient, but he refused.

The announcement that Miss Lizzie Doten would lecture on Sunday morning, drew a large audience, many coming long distances to hear her on this her first appearance since retiring from the lecture field several years since.

As the inspired woman stood on that bright Sabbath morning, pointing the way which leads from mental bondage and superstition to the heights of spiritual knowledge, a few miles away the surf was beating against Plymouth Rock where more than two hundred and fifty years before, her ancestors had knelt to return thanks for their safe arrival and the mental liberty for which they had risked their lives.

In the afternoon Mr. Colville gave a fine discourse. This gentleman is already well and favorably known as a speaker in most of the large cities of the country.

As the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Brown, we were afforded unceasing care. Mrs. Brown is a fine trance medium, but domestic duties oblige her to hold her medical gifts in abeyance.

On Tuesday the 3d we bade good-by to Onset and returned to Boston, where we have put in several very busy days attending to our correspondence and numerous

callers. Calling upon that excellent trance medium and estimable lady, Mrs. J. E. Potter, we were afforded a most satisfactory interview with our spirit friends.

The length of this letter warns us that we must close before we are quite ready. Other Boston notes must wait until our next which will be written from the camp at Lake Pleasant.

A Rebuke of Scientific Impudence and Literary Folly.

It is often said that the reports of spirit manifestations come only from Spiritualists who are, of course, credulous and unreliable. If it was true that Spiritualists only make such reports, it is not true that they are, of course, credulous.

Fairness, candor, a desire for truth, habit and power of close observation are the main qualities needed, in this as in other matters for satisfactory knowledge and reliable statement of facts.

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It is well to notice how this careful investigator disposes of Howell, Beard, The Nation and their like. Speaking of his seances with Mr. Slade, he says: "My health was never so good and my mind never more calm than when observing these phenomena."

There is not justice or honor enough in the Popular Science Monthly or the North American Review, to allow such a statement in their pages.

All these witnesses say that "no human being was in contact with the pencil when it wrote" intelligent messages.

Mark a question and the terse and clear comment:

"What is so easy as to hold a plate in broad daylight when no human being can write on it in a room where there is only one other person (in a lighted room)?"

This word of solid rebuke of the brazen impudence of so-called scientists does not come from a Spiritualist, yet from a man of clear mind and candid intent.

Mr. Denlow's final conclusions will be his own, but all Spiritualists can thank him for his fair and thorough statement of facts, and for his strong words of rebuke of learned impudence and literary folly.

In our next issue we shall publish a very interesting article from the pen of Hudson Tuttle, detailing his experiences during a recent visit to the Oneida Community, N. Y.

Dr. Crowell claims that earth-bound spirits subsist mostly on the emanations of earthly food.





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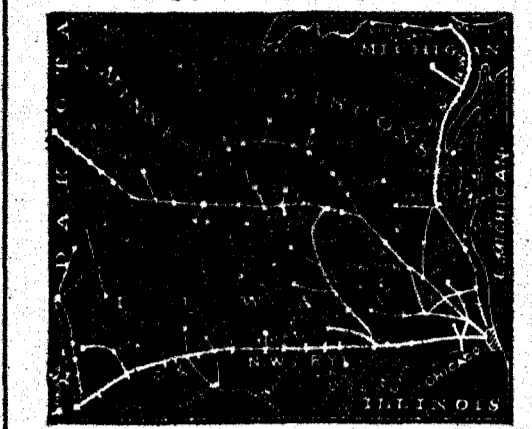
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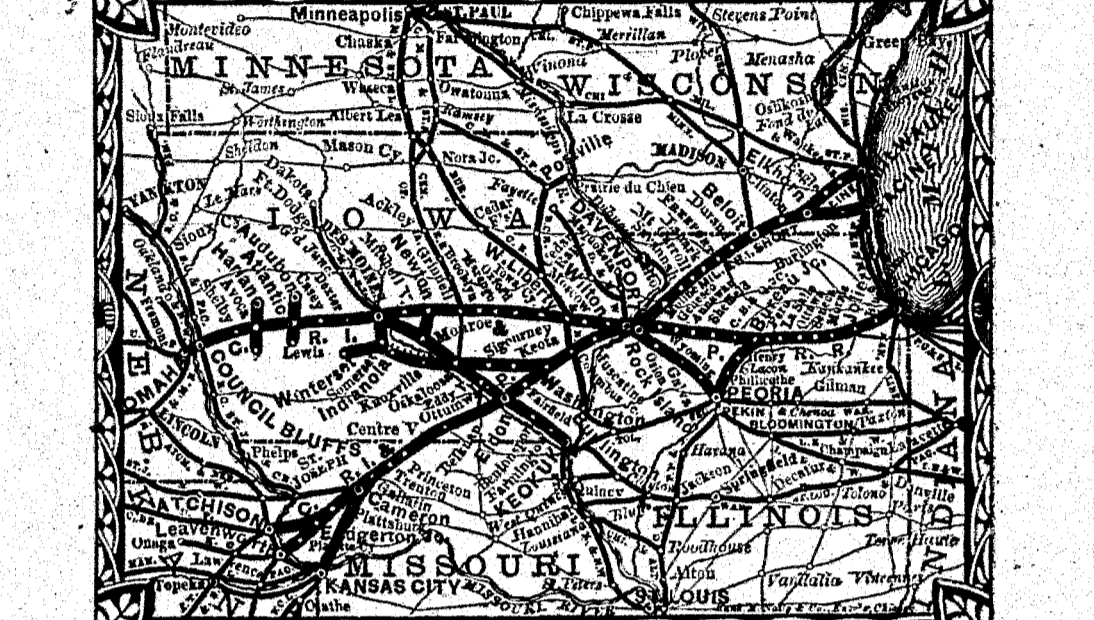
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