

LIFE WITH THE SPIRITS.

By Ex-Clericus.

[Continued from last Number.]

RESULTS AND EXPERIENCES.

One great good that came of my work at Harmony Hall was the formation of many a pleasant and valuable acquaintanceship, both between myself and my visitors; also between the visitors themselves. A comparison of experiences, and an exchange of views naturally followed such acquaintanceship, which could hardly fail of being mutually beneficial.

ared my medium-friend, with eyes shut, in his usual deep spirit condition, who rushed by me through the half-open door, and immediately took a position upon the floor and assumed an appropriate part in the piece which was successfully carried through to the end, in the course of which there was a distinct allusion to what had transpired whilst this medium must have been at some considerable distance from us on his way to the hall.

heavenly Father, who is too wise to err, effected this through her ministering loved ones. You do right not to grieve, but with perfect resignation surrender her to us. She is weak and is still disposed to linger near those she loves and who feel their sad bereavement. She knows her little ones are unconscious of their loss, and she knows that Rolfe feels the vacuum now cannot be filled with an earthly form, but she is still near him. She is devoted to you all, and in the separation her love is still the same, and with that feeling she is endeavoring to soothe and heal the wound which has so recently been pierced. She is happy. Her brother and mamma were first to meet her, and convey her to her place, and we have been her companions in spirit-life. She will ere long ascend to her place, and earth will in one sense vanish from her view as she realizes her immortality and sees what she has to do here. I want you all to cheerfully and remember you have much to expect in this life.

time, three hundred years, and laugh at the dying agonies of heretics writhing beneath the most cruel torture! Not being able to do that, he vents his venom, in the most contemptible misstatements, and seeks in his weak way to brand the heretic with social infamy.

utes. The stool is then removed from under her feet, leaving a space between them and the floor of about one foot. One of the rods is then removed and the arm placed by her side, and she hangs perpendicularly in the air. She is then moved to a horizontal position by her husband, her arm still resting upon the top of the single rod with her head reclining on it. She thus hangs suspended upon her side, with her face turned toward the audience, in quiet sleep, of which she knows nothing.

PRIVATE CIRCLES.

Occasionally, I would invite a few harmonious friends to meet with me in a part of the hall fitted up for my private use, where we held some very interesting circles at which some striking incidents occurred illustrating the reality and availability of our mediumistic methods of communicating with the unseen world. On one of these occasions there were four of us present, two of whom were mediums of the trance and spirit-clairvoyant order. Both of these were soon thrown into the mediumistic condition and remained so for about an hour, continuing all the while in almost perfect silence so far as the external life was concerned, the other person and myself sitting quietly by watching the wonderful manifestations of interest as seen in the expressive looks and gestures of the mediums while in their elevated condition. Only in a very few instances was this silence broken by them and by ejaculations of joyful surprise as some new scene of supernal beauty would open upon their spirit vision.

I determined, however, to rely mainly upon an appeal to his reason; I therefore, in as kindly a manner as possible, reminded him of the fact that I had fitted up the hall wholly at my own expense, and that I was obliged to stay there to take care of it; that I was extremely sensitive to the spheres of others, and that for some reason, his was disturbing to me. It might be that this was because of his more elevated spirit surroundings, or it might be otherwise; I would not take it upon me to decide, but would frankly appeal to him whether, under the circumstances, it would not be right for him hereafter to remain away from my hall. I know not whether I was especially impressed in so skillfully adopting my appeal to the man's peculiar condition, but at all events, it was effective in inducing him permanently to leave, and that, too, with perfect good nature and kindness.

"Her prayer was answered because we saw that it was for the best. We cannot control the ravages of the disease, but we can control the nature of the effects, and give an answer to our petitions. We often control in such a way as to come in conflict with the laws of nature, hence we think we see an answer to our prayers with us. Though you feel lonely without her, your loss is her gain."

"It would be difficult to say who was present in the room. Her eyes beheld untold beauty, and though her form was on her couch waiting away, her spirit was in a bright and happy land. Many of her family were there. Betty, Alice, Sammy (little darling) and her grandpa, Emma were present; Johnny also. Ah, dear husband, this was a happy time."

I went over soon after she left and found on my arrival at her home that she was no better, yet not suffering at any time. The next day she told me she had prayed that she might die while I was over there. I talked freely with her. Her mental sky was perfectly clear, and her prospects bright and joyous in regard to the change awaiting her. The next morning about 4 o'clock, she sweetly fell asleep without a struggle, to awake and meet her mother, brothers and sisters, who were waiting to welcome her to that bright world into which she had been looking with her spiritual vision.

"One week after this she appears in our home circle, and through Mrs. Hawks writes, after the guide says, 'A new-born spirit is present; let your souls rejoice.'" "I am so happy, I thank God, it is true. Tell dear Lena that I have listened to her prayer, and tried every day and hour to make her feel my presence. Say to her, 'Yes, we have heard from Ella, and she is with the loved ones.' Rudie is holding me up, showing me how to come, and use Mrs. Hawks. God bless her. She is good and kind. When you get here, you will say, 'God bless all good mediums.' Dear mother, you have been so good and kind to me. I have told mamma all about you, and what a kind, good wife you are to papa. I have seen dear little Sammy, and he is a perfect beauty, a splendid boy, sings like an angel. I love you, Mamie, and I talk of you all, and Mr. Thompson was like a brother to me. Tell papa the Lord answered my prayer. I am coming again soon. Give my love to Mrs. Anderson and my dear little sister and brother. Their sister Ella is not dead. Kiss the baby for me. My children, dear creatures, how I love them. I am near them every hour. My husband will find comfort soon. We are all trying to help him. I am free. I must lie down. ELLA."

"It is thus our heaven-born philosophy lifts the veil between the two worlds. Oh! how glorious it is to know there is no death, but a birth to a higher life, and sweet communion with those who have gone before, and who tell us of their blissful abode. My heart is too full for utterance, and I will only give a quotation from the angels: "Glory to God in the highest; on earth, peace and good will to men."

THE KEY FOUND!
The Rev. Thomas Mitchell's Attack on Spiritualism.
HIS POSITION REVIEWED BY HUDSON TUTTLE.

Of the many attempts to account for the perplexing phenomena of Spiritualism, and there have been many during the last thirty years, none have been marked with such utter ignorance, not only of the subject discussed, but of general knowledge; none with more bigotry, intolerance and venom, than this incubation of the Rev. Thomas Mitchell. The publishers, in order to make the task of the reviewer easy, have inserted a slip lauding the work and setting forth its claims, but we do not propose to fall into the trap thus artfully set, as we notice many of our contemporaries have done, and publish the same as our opinion. The Rev. Mitchell is a "Stalwart." He runs neck or nothing, and is sadly out of time. He should have lived two hundred years ago, when he would have enjoyed medium-hanging and burning, and taken delight in torturing those who held to such a demonic belief.

To be Continued.

Death of Mrs. Ella Eldridge.

BY SAMUEL WATSON, D. D.

Another one of my loved children has passed over the river of life, and entered the beautiful land beyond. My daughter, Ella, wife of Mr. Rolfe Eldridge, who resided near Augusta, Ark., took her exit on the morning of the 17th ult., aged 27 years. She had been with us here over two months under medical treatment, and left us only two weeks previous to her departure for the better land.

DEATH OF MRS. ELLA ELDRIDGE.

BY SAMUEL WATSON, D. D.

On some of these evenings—mainly under the control of our invisible company—the exercises assumed the form of a regular dramatic representation, carried on with great spirit and success, through perhaps from three to five or six mediums at a time. But on the two other evenings the medium company through their mediumistic agents, were the active movers in what was said and done. Occasionally, however, we had a gathering at which both those in and out of the mortal body were active participants, conversing freely together even as if all were still in the physical form. These, to my mind, were the most interesting and useful of all, as then the somewhat arbitrary division into "spirits" and "mortals" was, in a good degree overlooked, and all were regarded as spirits or human intelligences, as indeed they are, whether in or out of the fleshy body. The need of mediums was of course recognized and supplied on occasions of this kind.

A Minnesota Ghost.

[Elk River Star, Sherburn County, Minn., Jan. 22nd.]

The usually lively town of Lavonia has a genuine ghost story: "Mrs. Geo Robinson died suddenly, her death causing considerable comment at that time. Before leaving town, Robinson sold his house to a Dane named Peterson, who has since lived in it unmolested until one night last fall when he was awakened by something, and saw the figure of a woman in the apparent act of setting an imaginary table in the middle of the room. He called out and asked her what she was doing, supposing it was one of the neighbors, but received no answer, the ghost going on unconcerned with her work. He called to the figure several times, and was getting considerably alarmed when the apparition moved deliberately across the room, opened the door, gave an ear-splitting scream and disappeared. The man jumped from his bed and went to the door, but found it locked and no signs of any one having been in the house visible. The ghost has made its appearance in a similar manner on several occasions since, and came once in the middle of the day, performing the same antics and mysteriously disappearing. Of course we don't vouch for any part of the above story, but simply present it as a matter of news, saying people to come their own theories and conclusions regarding the strange proceedings.

Woman and the Household.

BY HESTER M. POOLE. [Metuchen, New Jersey.]

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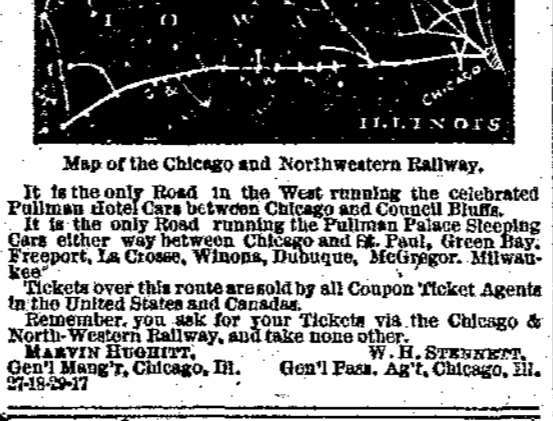
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