

Sideros and its People as Independently Described by M. F. W. DENTON.

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Man previous to this was on the globe, and while Europe and North Eastern America lay under ice, he found in Northern Asia a delightful home, where a genial climate blessed him and furnished with abundant food...

COMETS AND METEORS.

The history of Sideros sheds much light upon one of the darkest pages of the science of astronomy, which relates to comets and meteors. Of all the heavenly bodies there are none that startle us like these. The horion, that daily paces our roads and obediently bears our loads, do not startle us; it is the runaway that causes the cry, the race to safety, the flight of the people...

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There are many facts known to us regarding comets, and these are in harmony with the views just presented. Those comets which Arago refers, that appear round and with tails pointing in the same direction, may be regarded as some of which human beings may now reside as they once did on Sideros.

It is this comet of the second class, being only a fragment of a pre-existing world, it is not very surprising that this fragment should be so much like the other two pieces that followed following independent tracks.

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travelling; too small to be seen by us, except when they are drawn by the earth's attraction through our atmosphere at night, when we call them shooting stars. Of these Prof. H. A. Newton thinks that about ten millions, or more, are falling upon the earth, not only daily, but if it were not for the atmosphere, the effect would be of great disastrous. In the track of the Northern meteor there must be an immense cloud, but in our case, white-occupying that track. The atmosphere that was seen by M. Thaddeus on the night of the 11th of November, 1833, appears to have continued until the night of the 13th, for this was the time that Capt. Hammond observed a shower in America...

But remarkable arc showers were seen on the 13th of November, 1833, 1835, 1839 and 1847, but in 1839 and 1840 though directly looked for, they were not more numerous than on other nights about the same season of the year. (1) It was noticed in 1834 that the meteors were of smaller size than they were the year before. We have then a meteoric cloud passing along what I regard as the track of our comet, and at the same time a shower of meteors falling in great numbers, to a total length of more than 700 million miles.

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Hence, Mr. Editor, I was not a little interested, not to say amused, by reading, at a though you had presented it as one of the merits of your proposed plan, to call on me to believe anything, or even to know anything, of the merits of your plan, for I am not a philosopher, and I am not a philosopher, and I am not a philosopher...

There are creeds, and creeds. The objectionable thing about them is, not the forming of clearly defined convictions, nor the promulgating of them on paper, but the binding of ourselves or each other not to change our convictions. We want no cast-iron creeds, made to last for a life time, and to be changed only on pain of church "excommunication," or social ostracism...

ESSENTIAL UNIT OF CONVICTION

as to three things—the objects to be sought, the methods to be used, and the results to be attained. Underlying principles of right and truth which make those objects desirable. As one of your correspondents writes in a letter, "It is not a mere organization, but it is worthy of the name, must have some central thought to form its basis or life-line, and to which all members are obedient."

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The combatants, full of the spirit of antagonism, are very apt, on slight occasion, to train their guns on each other's camp, to the delight of the common enemy.

FRAN PROPOSED.

I suggest, therefore, the trial of a plan so nothing like the following, which, if it meets any, embraces the essential features of your editorial scheme, with some important additions.

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A Chicago Medium Confesses Hermann the Great Prestidigitator.

Hermann is still as a prestidigitator as we've known throughout Europe and North and South America. Through his performances lack the dash and dazzling brilliancy of Cesarevici's, he more than makes up for it in the spontaneity, grace an artistic feeling which he has in abundance.

Prof. Denlow, who approved the plan, we told the matter before Mr. J. H. McVicker, as whose theater Hermann was performing, through whose courtesy we met Mr. Hermann and became interested in Spiritualism, asking him what he thought of the phenomena. It was soon apparent that he held the whole subject in contempt.

When we told him of the other medium writing in the presence of Slade and Mrs. Simpson, and had conclusive evidence that it had been obtained through the mediumship of Watkins, Phillips, Mrs. Patterson, and many others, he gave one of his initial, and a slightly smiled. We then said: "Mr. Hermann, we believe you to be master of your art, and that if what we believe to be direct writing, I, writing without human contact, and by means of the medium, you can detect it."

Continuing, we said: "Mr. Hermann, we will take you into the presence of a medium, and we will witness the direct writing, and if you can satisfy us that it is a trick and explain how it is done by your art we will publish your explanation as readily as anything else, for the truth is what we are after. Do you understand?"

To which he promptly replied: "O, yes! but it won't be done." In answer to this we said: "We do not know that it will, we cannot with absolute certainty predict the result of this proposed séance on our part, as we are not agents in the experiment over which we have no control, but we are willing to make the all attempt."

At this point Mr. McVicker interjected the remark: "Failure is quite common (an investigator may have a failure at one time and at a subsequent sitting witness the writing in his perfect satisfaction." "O, yes," confidently replied Hermann, "that is a part of the trick, the writing won't be done in my presence." The result of the interview was an expression from Hermann that he would be delighted to investigate the matter, and that he would be glad to give us a very much engaged, and it might be difficult to secure a sitting, and if one was obtained it would be necessary for him to be on hand to the minute, he replied: "It'll be there now. I'll get up in about five minutes, and I'll be ready."

We then called on Mrs. Simpson and stated to her frankly what we wanted, giving her Hermann's name and his conversation as above related, and said: "Mrs. Simpson, we are not wish to dictate to you or persuade you, but if you are disposed to accord a sitting to Hermann for the experiment we shall be greatly pleased; if your spirit control can successfully contend against the influence of such a suggestion as to the writing, it will afford valuable proof of spirit manifestations under the most trying conditions; if the experiment fails it proves nothing against you and will lessen our confidence in your mediumship."

mediumship." Mrs. Simpson readily assented and gave the parties access to the sitting room. Her Hermann and one of his assistants, Mr. J. H. McVicker and Prof. Denlow. The experiment was a victory for the medium and her spirit helpers. A full account of the affair was published in the Chicago Tribune of the 7th, from which we make the following extract:

Arriving at Mrs. Simpson's residence, at No. 24 Oregon avenue, at the hour appointed, they were all invited to show up. Mrs. Simpson's usual séance-room, which is a small room on the second floor, was covered with a rug about fifteen by twenty-two inches, with four stools, two covered with cushions, and arranged near the single window, which affords light from the sun was blinding directly in through the partially closed blinds. A plain carpet, a few chairs, and some articles of furniture were the only ornaments in the room. Her Hermann took carefully on the under side of the table, turned it round, saw that it was fastened to the floor, and admitted that it was perfectly honest.

And, with a trickily wink, remarked: "It's all the writing on a table, Simpson at the table, handed Hermann her slate for examination, expressing a desire to see a writing on it afterwards, those which Hermann had brought, as they were a few minutes before they were used, and few marks would be necessary to make a legible mark upon her slate than had been made on the other side of the slate, and pronounced satisfactorily clean there being no vestige of writing on either side. He then requested Hermann to place his hand directly underneath and supporting there, as she placed her own hand on the other side of the slate, at the same time bringing the upper surface of the slate directly against the hand of the assistant. He did so. The breakfast cloth was raised sufficiently so that the writing on the table could be seen. The slate resting firmly against the under side of the table, sustained by Mrs. Simpson's hand, the writing on the other side of the slate, with the entire hand of Hermann's assistant placed open and flat under, against and over the writing on the other side of the slate. Hermann and Mr. McVicker as well as the assistant, acknowledged that the writing was clearly audible.

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assistant was a bold, roddy, and reticent fellow, with very opposite of the quick, nervous, and self-indulgent Hermann, "you, sir, though very sensitive exteriorly, are not so in the interior." He then proceeded further on anatomical in presence of the rooming company, having a very positive in his exterior, is just as extremely negative in his interior.

Whenever this might mean, the party returned. Mr. Hermann left no statement of the spirit control, but he has been told that the writing was done. Mrs. Simpson on this, as on all other occasions, has been very positive. To test or bluff her by an exhibition of adroitness, she asked her interiorly, but she refused to answer, and she refused to answer the same form and pluck to completely conquer all such adverse pretensions. This is among the rare qualities in Mrs. Simpson, which render her a peculiarly fit subject for public tests, where force of opinion, and not force of genius, is the element in the mediumship.

In the account as published in the Chicago Times, the writer incorrectly stated that the spirit control was given to the séance as a test. After the exhibition of the first writing upon Mrs. Simpson's slate, Hermann was quite confident in his assertions that no more writing would be done, and he accordingly refused to also with a very knowing wink to the other investigators, which he took no pains to conceal from Mrs. Simpson.

In the midst of this adverse bluster Mrs. Simpson requested Hermann to prepare his own slates, which he did by cleansing them with his handkerchief from every sign of marks or pencil dust. They closed together by hinges, were just purchased, and had, probably, never been used before. These two slates were placed in position, closed tightly together under the table. Mrs. Simpson holding them with one hand and Hermann's assistant with the other, the slates were placed in position. Mrs. Simpson holding them with one hand and Hermann's assistant with the other, the slates were placed in position. Mrs. Simpson holding them with one hand and Hermann's assistant with the other, the slates were placed in position.

Forthwith the writing was heard within the slates by all parties present, and on removing and opening them, the following words were found written on the inside of the under slate. "No longer than one week in Pittsburgh." This ended all discussion as to whether the phenomenon was capable of repetition.

We proposed to Mrs. Maud Lord that she as well as Mrs. Simpson should give Hermann a test, séance, to which proposition she consented. The test was given, and the pre-occupation we were unable to perform the necessary arrangements without the brief space remaining of Hermann's engagement in the city; but we have no doubt that a similar test, if given, would have been held. Mrs. Lord would have been as successful as Mrs. Simpson.

Dr. Beard as a Mesmerist.

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which no longer dwell in the body, as well as the fact that the spirit control is at this point, he can cause his expansion from all regular medical facilities, and when he has done this he will be in a position to acknowledge the just results of what he sees. He will be in a position to see the number of those to whom his observations and conclusions will be acceptable.

A Liberal College.

A writer in the Seymour Times expresses the desire, which is beginning to be felt by the students of many universities, that colleges shall be founded, in which addition to the education that shall best fit students for practical life, the truth of history concerning religions of every kind shall be taught. Such a project may not be launched into working operation in a day, but it is a good thing to think about and work up to gradually. The suggestion that practical science, or science in the serviceable use of life, shall be taught more, and in its abstract and theoretic stage, less, is one of great importance. In our schools, chemistry is taught in the abstract stage first, and most students never pursue it beyond the abstract stage. The abstract alone is useless unless accompanied in the practical. For instance, in chemistry a student hears much of atoms, attraction, affinities, is pondering upon oxygen, nitrogen, carbon, hydrogen, etc., but does not learn how ink, paper, yeast, bread, dyes, stuffs, leather, gunpowder, or medicinal drugs of any kind are actually made; how a ham is cured, or iron ore is smelted, or how a battery is run, or how to construct or the acids made, or how to adulterate milk, or to refine petroleum oil, or convert iron into sugar, or any thing of service in practical life. The student has no idea of the value of these things, and has no idea of the economical methods in use in converting iron into sugar in a refinery, or grain into alcohol in a distillery, or glucose into soap, or milk into cheese, etc., etc. The student is told that an American citizen is converted into a member of Congress.

Now, in the evolutions of history the practical necessity comes before the theoretical. Why should it not do so in education? Why should we not have a knowledge of the chemical distinctions between alkalies and acids. Iron was converted into steel before it was discovered that in this process was involved an increase of carbon. We should have a knowledge of the chemical qualities of silk. Why then do our educators teach the theoretical and never teach the practical in our schools and colleges? The actual reason is because it requires more knowledge of the teacher than of the student to teach the practical. Thousands of teachers can hear a class recite in chemistry, who could not smelt an ounce of iron or make a bar of soap. The arts are generally so useful that they are not taught in our schools. The knowledge of them, can make far more money by practicing them than by teaching them. Teachers will, in defence of their profession, give other reasons for this, but the actual reason is because the practical is practical because they know little that is practical.

There is a half truth in Richard Grant White's recent onslaught on our common school system, great as is the indignation it has provoked, and as worthy as the cause, that the things to all, and knowledge which all professions can sell. So with our colleges. They consume the years in which the student must learn how to become a breadwinner without teaching him any art which will enable him to earn his money and provide for his family. The teaching of what he has already learned, or the parasitic professions—law, medicine and preaching. If our public schools taught practical arts in some degree, they would be doing a great deal for the student. If Garibaldi had been educated in the three R's in a public school, when he came a refugee to America, he would have made good. But as he had been taught how to make soap, he lived. The most versatile and industrious philosopher America ever produced, Benjamin Franklin, learned industry first and literature afterwards. We hope to see the time when American education in all grades of schools, from the primary school to the highest, will be so arranged that the student will be able to furnish for himself the means of his own support. It is a great thing to be able to furnish for oneself the means of one's own support. It is a great thing to be able to furnish for oneself the means of one's own support.

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Who is Ransacking His World?

Nothing can better indicate how deeply the Protestant churches of this country are ransacked with Materialism than the answers received by the editors of The Christian at Work to a circular letter, inquiring of various clergymen whether miracles ceased since the apostolic age, or whether Christians should regard the world as a vast answer to prayer. Imagine a Christian praying, "O Lord, will thou hold the laws of nature so fixed and irrevocable that there shall be no departure from them. Let not the fact that I breathe life, as I have been born of my wool, be any reason whatever why thy ethereal winds should not pierce him to the marrow. If the specific gravity of the sparrow, relatively to the fact that it breathes life, is any, regard that as a vital sign, and as I, thy creature, possess a power of muscular action on my part greater than his anatomical organism is fitted to put forth, wilt thou, O God, omnipotent maker of heaven and earth, regard his vital sign as one in which he is not fitted to survive, and his fall to the ground as a mere addition to the fructifying properties of the soil. And as for us, O Lord, let every one get a lesson out of the fact that I breathe life. I am a descendant of the descending sword of justice. Let the far young bride who has trusted her life on the ocean steamer in ignorance of the law in its boiler, or the rook in its hollow, go to the bottom, just as the man who trusts his life on the ocean steamer, or the dry docks before purchasing her tickets. Let the frail young mother who raises a sick dying martyr from her couch of pain, and dings forty into the street to be buried, or the man who trusts his life on the ocean steamer, or the dry docks before purchasing her tickets. Let the frail young mother who raises a sick dying martyr from her couch of pain, and dings forty into the street to be buried, or the man who trusts his life on the ocean steamer, or the dry docks before purchasing her tickets.

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By special invitation of the controlling
mediums, I was present at the sittings of Mr.
Edgar W. Emerson's private materializing
sittings, at Manchester, N. H.

These are held every Friday evening at the
residence of Mrs. W. J. Johnson, a highly
respected and cultured lady.

On one of these occasions, I was invited to
attend a cabinet, which was held in the
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mediums, the reverend gentleman inquired,
in a very nervous manner, if she was the
medium. In her kindly, "by-the-way, she
was into their long ride this
amiable woman gave the reverend
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these sunny foot hills, are magnificent. The
mountains rise in irregular order, on close
approach, and are covered with
timber, all running down into soft
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pasture, live oaks, and many
neat cottages, with a restored invalid
or maybe a business man's residence.

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