



The Troubled Waters.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

While recognizing no leadership, in the absolute or dictatorial sense, I feel willing to humbly bow at the shrine of truth, right and justice, as I understand the relations of such to any and all questions of human consideration and determination, by whomsoever advocated, or even though no championship be vouchsafed what, to me, bears the evidence of embodying those qualifications. And I ever, at least, hope to concede the same high privilege and duty to all others, without anger or intolerant judgment, or even sorrow, because they cannot see it as I do.

demnation or exposure, unless having as positive proof of the fact, as is and ever should be demanded as to the phenomenal demonstration of spirit presence and power. And I am as well satisfied, that when it is evident that "dishonest spirits," as is claimed, produce tricky or deceiving phenomena, the agent or medium of such is involved in the moral responsibility thus incurred.

BELGIUM.

Le Messenger is a bi-monthly journal published at Liege, Belgium, which is now in its tenth year, and is dedicated to magnetism and spiritism. We have been favored with the 24th number and we find it to be a neatly printed sheet of eight small pages having for its motto "Hora lae Charite, point de Salut."

Emerson Honored.

The exercises at the Concord School of Philosophy, July 22nd, were in commemoration of Emerson. A Bronson Alcott read a monody on Emerson, entitled "Ion."

Faith—Facts Wanted—The Incoming Tide.

BY DR. A. C. ELDER.

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Such is the rather mixed idea with which the world has tried to satisfy its ever longing hunger for truth.

Our Foreign Exchanges.

FRANCE.

La Lumiere (The Light) is the name of a new spiritualistic journal that has recently made its appearance in Paris, and is published monthly.

BRAZIL.

From Rio de Janeiro, far beyond the equator, comes the December number of the Revista da Sociedade Academica.

THE OLD CLOSTER.

where Socrates is represented as talking to the young men of Athens. I hope my comparison is not too obscure for easy comprehension, for I wish to extend it a little further.

CHARMANT.
Quels chants divins n'ont reveillés?
Qui peut, si tard dans la veillée,
Sur le chemin chanter ainsi?
Mère n'entend-tu point aussi?

CHARMING.
What songs so sweet have wakened me?
Who can it be upon the way
That sings so late a merry glee?
Dost thou not hear it, mother, say?



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A "BOY" OF THIRTY!

The Boy Evangelist—Psychic Force as a Factor in Religion.

"Oh! why should the spirit of mortal be proud?" There are many cogent reasons that might be presented why under some circumstances the spirit of a mortal should not be exalted to that plane of physical and spiritual feeling designated as proud.

Lately the Rev. Thomas Harrison has been in Ohio at the Loveland Camp Ground. A special dispatch from Cincinnati to the Chicago papers, sets forth the particulars of a very unfortunate business affair.

In connection with this questionable transaction on the part of this notorious "boy preacher," whereby he transformed a gift from generous-hearted and cultured Christian ladies, into that which is curiously regarded

as "the root of all evil," it might be well to give a brief account of the various artful devices whereby he awakens religious fervor and reverence among those whom he regards as sinners, children of the devil, and enemies of God, and induces them to openly confess their waywardness and transgressions of divine laws, thus instantly preparing them for an exalted position at the right hand of God.

It is 8 o'clock. The church is densely packed. The wide galleries that run around the entire vast room are filled to overflowing. The old, the young, the fashionable and the unfashionable, men, women and children are, all in the same attitude, intently watching, in company with the large audience below, the movements of the little group about the altar.

Crack! snap! crack! sound upon the waiting air with the thrilling sound of pistol shots in rapid succession. What is that? strangers ask uneasily. The explanation appears in a moment as the evangelist appears slapping his white hands from very excess of nervousness.

The evangelist now advances to the front of the platform and dashes down upon his knees in an impetuous rush and begins with a fervid appeal to the Ruler of the universe to be with them and to influence the unconverted to the true path.

The end of the singing comes. It is not yet time to call for repentant ones to come forward. During the singing the evangelist runs to and fro, singing, shouting, clapping his hands with such a sharp crack as if he had in his hands a whip to lash all who were not ready to follow him.

His talk goes on in a fervid, uninterrupted stream. Hell and the horrors of death are used as scourges to frighten the unrepentant. At times he leaves the pulpit and

comes down among the congregation. His unrest and fiery nervousness become a contagion. The audience is in that condition that it has lost consciousness of reality. The groans, sobs and sighs of this great throng make up a dream of excitement that swallows up undisciplined thinkers in a moment.

It was now that the excitement reached the highest pitch of the evening. People began to leave their seats and rush forward. In a moment the altar seats were full. Old and young struggled with each other to be first. The detachment of file leaders at the altar met each new comer with a hand shake and a shout.

Eagerly he scans the throng. At the sight of a wavering face he dashes down to it, places his arm about the doubting one and fairly storms him into coming. As one by one comers are found the singing becomes wilder and more vociferous. The weeping and sobbing of those who have gone forward is drowned in song.

As a revivalist, Harrison is superior to Moody and Sankey. The most eminent and cultured divines of the Methodist faith can not equal the potent influence which he exercises over the minds of his congregation, he being a powerful psychologist. He possesses an unconscious agent, PSYCHIC FORCE, with which he induces all his conversions and which he regards as the influence of God.

The Zuni Indian, when viewing the ponderous steam engine that moved without any apparent effort a train of cars, muttered a fervent prayer, and then expressed his belief that none but a God could make such an intricate piece of machinery.

Thus it will be seen that the Zuni Indian and the boy evangelist have both labored under an hallucination; neither of them knew the source of the peculiar force exerted in their respective cases, hence the conclusions that no one but a God could construct the intricate machinery that constituted the locomotive!

Libelling Respectable Spiritualists.

A scurrilous sheet in Philadelphia, a defender of frauds in mediumship and libeller of the respectable citizen who exposes them, we are informed, has printed a scandalous attack upon several respectable Spiritualists, among them a very worthy lady in the city of New York, at whose home it was recently shown that the Hulls perpetrated one of the many frauds now prevalent in the name of materialization and mediumship.

As the editor of that scurrilous sheet—One Roberts—has already been branded as a libeller by the Philadelphia courts, it is not likely that any reputable person will give weight to his vicious utterances.

Should, however, the parties consider the man or his sheet worthy of prosecution, it will go hard with Roberts, since the Judge in the previous case gave him notice that if the offence was repeated, he would have no mercy upon him.

We refer our readers to the article published this week from Light for All, under the head, "Is Good or Evil Predominant in our Ranks?" It republishes from the JOURNAL the article, "The Dark or Evil Spirit Intervention Theory."

Mrs. Nosworthy, daughter of George Thompson eminent in earth life, but now in spirit life, delivered two lectures in Belper, Eng., July 9th, upon Spiritualism.

Camp Notes from the Editor.

Through a fortuitous combination of forces, natural and spiritual, which brings the season of hay fever and camp meetings in the same month, the editor and his wife find themselves a week after leaving home, looking out upon a beautiful scene of land and water at Onset Bay. Within the week three camps have been hurriedly inspected and though the JOURNAL'S readers who stay at home are kept well posted by its correspondents from these points, yet the editor feels a desire to talk to them a little.

The location and topography of Fern Island make it a very good point for a camping ground, and its proximity to the famed evangelic resort on Chataqua Lake, a dozen miles away, is sure in time to attract from that gathering many who are seeking for what Chataqua with all its breadth, culture and popularity cannot supply—absolute knowledge that man lives beyond the grave.

Before it is too late the services of a competent landscape gardener and civil engineer should be obtained to perfect plans for beautifying the natural attractions of the place and in securing proper sanitary safeguards; the erection of permanent improvements will render the work more difficult and expensive every year it is delayed.

There is a natural tendency to deterioration in the moral atmosphere, and this needs to be carefully and continually watched and guarded against. About the only pests of which we heard complaint at Cassadaga, were the mosquitoes and Moses Hull; the former of rather mild and inoffensive disposition, easily guarded against and not very annoying; the latter like all of his class, has monumental cheek and insatiable desires, but the silent contempt and utter indifference with which he was treated by campers and officers at Cassadaga must in time convince Moses that the conditions there prevailing are not suited to his constitution.

Charles E. Watkins arrived at camp on the

5th in the "salubrious" condition usually induced by a too free intercourse with the spirits of corn and rye, but on the next day had sobered up and was in readiness to give the test of independent slate writing.

Henry B. Allen is located at the camp and said to be doing a fair business. Here for the first time we met Dr. Sour, now of Cincinnati; from Judge McCormick and others, we learn enough of the manifestations through Dr. Sour to prove him possessed of the most promising and powerful gifts.

On Saturday that gentle spirit, Lyman C. Howe, appeared in camp and in the afternoon gave an able lecture. Brother Howe has done long and unselfish service, and deserves not only the sincere respect and affection of Spiritualists but their hearty financial support, but we fear his reward will be deferred until after he has closed his work on earth and gone to the other life, with which he has so long been en rapport.

Among the many pleasant temporary homes upon the ground is the handsome cottage of Mrs. Cooke, of Jamestown, also the tent of Miss Hattie Myers and Mrs. Barber, with its beautifully decorated interior. We met Miss Carrie Downer of Baldwinville, N. Y., a bright, pleasant, young lady, who is said to be a good inspirational medium.

The Blind—There is a Compensation.

Nature is very kind in many respects to those who are suffering from some physical defect. When one sense, which adds so much beauty, happiness and social enjoyment to life, suddenly loses its power to act, then those remaining become more sensitive, more delicately attuned, and although they can not fully supply the place of the one lost, they still contribute a greater amount of pleasure than they otherwise would.

There is the estimable wife of Dr. Wm. Paine, of Grand Haven, Mich. Sensitively organized, very mediumistic, aspiring in nature, highly intuitive, and keenly alive to the passing events of the day, there seems but one thing wanting to round out her life in full completeness, and that is the restoration of her sight—she is now totally blind!

When Mrs. Paine shall have passed to spirit-life and witnessed its transcendent



Voices from the People, AND INFORMATION ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS.

Tribute to Mrs. E. F. J. Bullene.

By EDWARD S. HOLLOWAY.

We give below the tribute of Judge Holloway to Mrs. Bullene...

The silence, long silence of ages is broken, For they that have crossed o'er the river have spoken...

Princes, prophets and princes have sought the glad sight, When the heavens should bow with their witnesses...

We know that thou, too, like the prophets of God, For the sins of the world hast passed under the rod...

And with thee we suffer and with thee we sorrow; Yet, cheer thee, each day brings a better to-morrow...

Yet, whilst thou art with us, that banner of truth The immortals first gave to the hands of thy youth...

Experiences.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: For the purpose of prompting others to give their experiences...

I have had many dreams or visions that had a meaning. I seldom get a letter containing important or pleasing news...

I heard a soft voice say to me, "Would you like to see your life path?" I said, "yes," she said the voice...

Miss Wood's Mediumship.

Another very successful seance under stringent test conditions was held on Saturday evening last...

A Remarkable Dog Story.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

A year ago last winter, a neighbor coming in to see me, spoke of a great noble dog that seemed astray in the street...

He quickly became a family pet, but seemed to feel under special obligations to Little Georgia...

I have said he slept in my room: it was on the first floor connecting with my hall...

They had been told of the persecution of the witches at Salem, and witchcraft is a capital crime in Zulul...

A Rash Mistake Corrected.

A sad and romantic affair has just culminated at Columbus, Ohio...

Mr. Griffin is a stranger to most persons here, but is a man of very fine personal appearance...

Again Saw Her Diamonds.

The Princess Eugenie, only sister of the present King of Sweden...

A. N. and E. N. Peterson writes: We have taken the JOURNAL we think about 10 years and have not as yet failed to renew before the year expired...

Experiences.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

Some eight years ago while residing in New York City, I was called upon as a physician to see and attend to a young girl...

In the Dark.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: Is mine a singular case, or is it common, and where am I to go next?

I once relied on the Bible; then on mediums in connection with portions of the Bible...

Our good brother should not be alarmed. Truth and right will triumph. Spiritualism is true, and it will finally succeed in regenerating mankind...

Strange Appearance of a Dove.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

Do doves fly about in the night? My friend, Mrs. C. of Fitchburg, Mass., related to me the following which you may give to your readers...

The Zunis on Witchcraft.

They had been told of the persecution of the witches at Salem, and witchcraft is a capital crime in Zulul...

Preaching and Practice.

The Rev. J. M. Belding, of Chicago, recently demonstrated to a small but select congregation...

Revealed by a Dream.

The body of the young man named Cicero Dixon, son of a guard at the prison...

S. L. Crosby writes: The course you are taking on the question of fraud and honesty...

A Preacher's Dream.

An exchange sets forth that one Saturday night, a few weeks ago, Rev. C. G. Shover, of Bloomington, Ind., dreamed...

Jesus.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: It is with pleasure and pain that I read in the JOURNAL of July 23rd...

Do we not all believe that the human nature of Jesus as set forth in that message is the truth?

Mrs. T. L. Shover, after speaking in high terms of the JOURNAL, writes: I am rapidly becoming a good writing medium...

W. L. Ballard writes: I heartily endorse your course in exposing fraud. The neglect to do that is one of the main causes...

W. F. Bull writes: I can truly say that I am well pleased in your honest course in exposing fraudulent mediums...

Notes and Extracts.

The only reward of virtue is virtue. The only way to have a friend is to be one.—R. W. Emerson.

There are men in the world who resemble the one of whom Jerold said he was like a pin, only he had a head and no point.

I belong to that Church which has no name, but of which the members recognize each other wherever they meet.—Protestant Parable.

As to people saying a few idle words about us, we must not mind that, any more than the old church steeple minds the rooks cawing about it.

A loving act does more good than a blazing exhortation. When the race needs is not more good talk, but more good Samaritans.—J. S. Breakenridge.

A wise man that does not assist with his counsels, a rich man with his charity, and a poor man with his labor, are perfect nuisances in a commonwealth.

Every person is responsible for all the good within in the scope of his abilities, and for no more, and none can tell whose sphere is the largest.—Gail Hamilton.

The fact that spirits do return disproves the statement that they can not come to us, and if they come to one there is no reason why they should not come to all...

We have failed to find a place where spirits can be put down and hold their tongues. Being as it is done that they have conquered all foes within and without...

The spiritual prince is now making his triumphant march through the world, but as was the case with Jesus, those who prayed most are the most disappointed...

If there are any souls in hell we should help them to work their way out; if there are any in heaven that are not disposed to assist in this work...

Mrs. A. M. B. Smith writes: I have been much interested in Mrs. Maria M. King's chapter of experiences.

J. A. Gillbert writes: I wish to say that I heartily approve of your sifting process.

J. H. Watson writes: I am highly gratified with the course you are pursuing in regard to frauds.

Mrs. H. K. Brown writes: I am pleased to know you still continue to sift the wheat...

Mrs. Mary A. Crawford writes: I am very much pleased with the JOURNAL, and am sorry that any one should object to testing mediums...

Mr. George Lieberknecht, of Geneseo, Ill., in renewing his yearly subscription...

H. Austin writes: I have taken the JOURNAL for eight or nine years. I like it, and intend to take it as long as it continues an able and independent advocate...

J. B. Pelham writes: In renewing my subscription to the good old JOURNAL, I must say that it has been like a great separator...

Louisa Mc Minn writes: I have read the JOURNAL for twelve years and it has been a great comfort to me...

Spiritualism embodies all that is true and soul elevating in every system of religion, science, and philosophy known to the world...

[From Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper.]

A LADY SAID

"Those Horrid Pimples! No, I Cannot Go. Please Present My Excuses."

Probably two-thirds of the ladies in society and homes of our land are afflicted with skin diseases of various kinds...

To improve this appearance great risks are taken: arsenic, mercury, or high-sound tinned named articles containing these death-dealing drugs...

W. B. Cole writes: I have been a trial subscriber. Please continue the paper, I like it very much.

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