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Molecular and Spiritual Dynamics.

Scientists who have carefully and critically examined the physical nature of the sun, after many years of thorough investigation have come to the conclusion that it is surrounded by a fierce, tumultuous coating of flames from two to four thousand miles high, and that as a supporter of combustion it possesses an atmosphere, visible to the mortals of earth, that rises to the height of nearly half a million of miles.

To illustrate the wonderful nature of dynamic energy, as claimed by distinguished scientists, we abstract an illustration from the Popular Science Monthly, pointing significantly to the sun as the main source; the author claiming that the sun's energy is manifested in every wind that blows, in every shower that falls, and in the history of every snowflake—in the glare of gas lights, in the heat of the furnace, in the colors of the rainbow and in the gorgeous sunset, in the beauty of vegetation and in its silent growth.

plasmic cell of the plant, requires the expenditure of a vast amount of force, but the solar ray, aided by the subtle alchemy of the leaf, is competent for the task, and while the chlorophyll of the leaf assists in weaving organic tissues from the air, this outward dissipation of energy is delayed for a while, giving us food for our bodies and fuel for our fires.

Take for example the simple sunbeams and notice the wonders of their versatile effects. Some one has well said, "It is the most potent force we have, yet it behaves itself like the gentlest and most accommodating. But a few of those rays insinuating themselves into a mass of iron like the Britannia Tubular Bridge will compel the closely knit particles to separate, and will move the whole enormous fabric with as much ease as a giant would a straw."

Thus we see that dynamical energy plays an important part as a factor in the universe. Whether scientists are absolutely correct in their conclusions with reference to its origin and the varied phenomena it manifests, no one can ascertain positively, as it is claimed by Dr. Adam Miller and others that the planets in their "regular rotation are mighty cylinders throwing off electrical streams of inconceivable power into space from the outer surface of their atmosphere, where there are no aqueous vapor to interfere with electrical currents which find their way to the sun, whence they return to the planet in the form of electric light.

That the wonderful effects observed in nature, which are considered by scientists under the head of "molecular dynamics," are intimately related to the specific action of the sun, in some one or more of its manifold operations, no one can doubt, but the intricate methods by which force is evolved, or the way a transmutation thereof takes place, must to a certain extent remain involved in mystery.

But leaving the physical basis of life, and the consideration of molecular dynamics and directing attention to the border land that separates the two realms, spiritual and material, the observer can readily discern the blending of molecular and spiritual forces; there could not possibly be an abrupt division between the two, for in that event there would be a locality, space or border land, that would be neither spiritual nor material, and the laws governing it, would have no relation whatever to spirit or matter, and it would be impassable to either spirit or matter.

H. Bourlier and E. Arnold, of Toronto, Ontario, spent last Sunday in the city. Few men have a wider range of spiritual experiences than these gentlemen.

A Fashionable Cincinnati Residence becomes the Theatre of Action on the part of Spirits.

The Cincinnati Enquirer gives an account of some singular manifestations occurring in a fashionable house in that city, setting forth that a well known gentleman, who, for short, the reporter designates as Brown was almost scared out of his senses a short time ago by what he regarded as spirit rappings.

One night a little over two years ago, during the absence of Mr. Brown, the wife was awakened by the sound of heavy footfalls in the dining-room, immediately below. They were plain and unmistakable, like the tread of a man walking up and down the room in great excitement.

Manifestations have been more frequent the past two or three weeks, and, as Mr. Brown feelingly informed the Enquirer reporter, the unknown has "raised the devil." One night lately, he had considerable writing to do and sat down to accomplish it. At half-past 9 o'clock his wife said she was tired and would go to bed, and going into her bedroom closed the door and proceeded to disrobe.

Mr. Brown and wife are both unbelievers in Spiritualism, and are lost in wonderment that their peace and quiet should be thus molested. He intends to change his residence at once and see if he cannot get rid of the manifestations.

A National Convention.

The late preliminary meeting at Detroit accomplished all that its projectors expected, no doubt. It brought out the sentiment held by a goodly number of authors, lecturers, mediums and active Spiritualists on the question of national organization, and made a beginning toward a future convention, at which the machinery of a perfected organization can be put in motion.

Tuesday evening, October 31st, Mr. H. H. Ragan commenced a series of four lectures on some of the interesting points in Europe, at Central Music Hall. The lecture, "Venice, Milan and the Italian Lakes," was illustrated with photographs, brilliantly illuminated by the lime-light. The moon-light scenes of "St. Marks in Venice," the "Pesaro Palace," etc., were especially beautiful.

The Detroit Conference.

Mr. Jno. C. Bundy declines to serve on the Standing Committee and gives his reasons a letter to the Chairman.

TO HON. GILES B. STEBBINS, Chairman Permanent Committee of National Conference, Detroit Mich.

DEAR BROTHER: In reading the proceedings of the National Conference of Spiritualists held in your city, October 27th-29th, I notice that my name appears as a member of the Standing Committee appointed "to act for the Conference and represent it in calling a convention and moving for the perfecting of a National Organization."

Having thus squarely defined my position as to the Conference and its objects, I beg to be excused from serving on the Permanent Committee. I fully appreciate and am grateful for the expression of confidence in me, evidenced by the action of the Conference; but my profession as a journalist—editor of a Spiritualist paper—renders it impossible for me to act in my private capacity as a citizen and Spiritualist with your Committee.

Trusting that upon reflection, the earnest, honorable body which conferred upon me the honor, which under other circumstances I would gladly accept, will see the force of my argument and agree with me, I hereby respectfully decline to serve on the Committee.

Fraternally yours, JNO. C. BUNDY. Chicago, Nov. 4th, 1882.

Our Foreign Exchanges.

We have lately received from foreign countries the following named publications, which exhibit the same peculiarity which marks those heretofore noticed in these columns; that is a wonderful similarity in sentiment, opinion and tone of expression:

- Brazil: Revista Spiritica, Rio De Janeiro. Argentine Republic: Constanca, Buenos Ayres. Italy: Annali Dello Spiritismo, Turin. Germany: Psychische Studien und Der Sprechsal, Leipzig. France: Licht, mehr Licht, La Lumiere, Le Reveu Spiritique, Bulletin Mennel (de la societe scientifique d'etudes psychologique), Paris. Belgium: Le Messager, Liege.

It could have scarcely been expected that periodicals published in countries so widely separated as Russia, Belgium, France, Italy, Brazil, the Argentine Republic and Germany, should exhibit such uniformity of manner in treating of a subject involving so many questions, and likely to give rise to great diversity of opinion; yet these publications speak as with one mind, at the same time exhibiting a high degree of culture and sound discretion; at all times maintaining a manly dignity in responding to criticisms adverse to the views held by themselves, and urging upon their readers the most benevolent and magnanimous sentiments toward all mankind.

We expect to enrich our columns by extracts from the pages of these publications, from time to time, which abound in highly interesting matter: scientific articles, authenticated statements of remarkable spiritual manifestations occurring in European and South American countries, besides orations and poems of great force and beauty.

"Many have never seen the JOURNAL who would be certain to like it if they were to read it for a month," writes a leading lecturer and medium. This has been often said before and the publisher has decided that he will send the paper four weeks, free, to all who may make the request before November 30th. In accepting this proposal let the applicant write on a postal card: "Please send me the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL four weeks free," with the name and address plainly written.

Miss Frances E. Willard was re-elected President of the Woman's National Christian Union by acclamation.

GENERAL NOTES.

[Notices of Meetings, movements of Lecturers and Mediums, and other items of interest, for this column are solicited, but as the paper goes to press Tuesday P. M., such notices must reach this office on Monday.]

Mr. A. R. Dyer, after a week's pleasant visit in the city, started back to Denver on the 1st instant.

Lord Ponzone has ordered the release of the Rev. Mr. Green, who has been imprisoned for nearly two years for ritualistic practices.

Mrs. Judge Smith of Denver, Colorado, is visiting in the city. Mrs. Smith was formerly widely known among the Spiritualists as Mrs. Stimpson.

Now that J. Frank Baxter has closed his Chicago engagement it is probable the Banner will be moved to resume mention of him in its column devoted to the movements of lecturers.

Geo. H. Brooks, who has been lecturing in various parts of the country during the past summer, has been visiting friends in the city during the past week. He expects to start southward soon on a lecturing tour.

Mrs. A. D. Webster, medium, has removed from the West to the South side and is now located at No. 3,029 South Dearborn Street. Mrs. Webster has been known in this city for some years and is regarded by those familiar with her gifts as a good medium.

Mrs. Jewett and Miss Hull, well-known to the Spiritualists of the East as active, discriminating workers in the cause, are again at home in New York City, slowly recovering from the painful injuries received in August at Plymouth, Mass., by the running away of their horse.

J. Randall Brown & Company are tramping over the country pretending to give manifestations of spirit phenomena, and claim to be travelling "under the auspices of the 'United Society of Spiritualists' of Boston, Mass., and are not on a money making tour." The concern is a fraudulent affair; a transparent swindle that ought not to deceive any one.

The Rev. George O. Barnes, the "mountain evangelist," of Kentucky, is holding revival meetings in Connecticut. He says the chief purpose of his Northern mission is to overthrow the gloomy Gospel which prevails in the North, and which, he says, is the Devil's gospel, invented by the prince of liars, and carried out by men who wear "black clothes, a white necktie, carry a Bible under their arm, and preach as though they were a whole theological seminary."

Our esteemed cotemporary, the Boston Investigator, seems to have overlooked entirely an event in its own city which was something new in the religious world. An address before an Association of Evangelical Ministers was given by special invitation in September, was reported in the Boston dailies, commented on editorially by them and attracted attention from the press of the country generally. Yet it has never been so much as mentioned by the Investigator: when, too, the address was given by one who had contributed to that paper for years; and when such men as Prof. Asa Gray and President Chadbourne participated in the discussion. Surely, Bro. Seaver does not wish to ignore progress because it is exhibited among "Christians; and certainly Mr. Underwood who gave the address is a representative liberal.

J. H. Cowdery writes to us under date of Nov. 1st, saying: "Mr. J. Frank Baxter spoke to the Spiritualists and friends of progress in Ashtabula, Ohio, in Haskell's Hall, last night, most acceptably. Notwithstanding unusual attractions at the Opera House—Kate Claxton in the 'Two Orphans'—the audience was large, intelligent and attentive. His exercise in mediumship was wonderful and peculiar. All his descriptions were fully and instantly recognized. It is a pleasure, real pleasure to entertain a speaker and medium, whose character and life need no defense." In a second letter to us he says: "The JOURNAL came to us this Thursday evening. Mrs. C. has been reading aloud your report of Baxter's last séance in Chicago, which deeply interests us, as it gives us some idea of how much the unseen ones know of our doings and plans. 'Peleg Sweet' was the first to put in an appearance from the 'other side.' It seems that he was a former resident of Ashtabula, and passed to spirit life from here twenty or more years since. His peculiarities were instantly recognized by A. F. Hubbard, Cashier of the Farmer's National Bank, Dr. J. C. Hubbard, Judge Parsons and others."

The varied uses to which Scripture can be applied, receives a beautiful illustration in the following: A church deacon asked Barnum the other day for a permit to visit the winter quarters of his show at Bridgeport. The showman refused on the ground that he was opposed to the pass system in general, and was determined, in particular, not to allow an inspection of the animals when they were not on exhibition, inasmuch as they were less carefully guarded then, and there was danger of accidents; furthermore, visitors were a nuisance to his workmen. "Is not that carrying your restrictions too far?" asked the deacon. "Perhaps you may think so," replied the showman, "and as you generally like Scriptural authority for everything, I present you this printed card to ponder." The card contained the following quotations from the Bible: "Thou shalt not pass"—Numbers, xx, 18; "Suffer no man to pass"—Judges, iii, 28; "The wicked shall no more pass"—Numbers, i, 15; "None shall pass"—Isaiah, xxxiv, 10; "This generation shall not pass"—Mark, xiii, 30; "Though they roar, yet they cannot pass"—Jeremiah, v, 22; "So he paid the fare thereof and went"—Jonah, i, 3.

A Nuremberg inventor has just made public a new and interesting process of printing photographs in colors, which has been regarded in some quarters as much superior to, and destined to supersede, chromo-lithography.



The leading Scientists of to-day agree that most diseases are caused by disorders of the Liver. If, therefore, the Kidneys and Liver are kept in perfect order, health will be the result.

During his recent researches Dr. Brown-Séguard has proved the possibility of introducing a tube into the larynx of the higher animals without causing any pain or any subsequent bad result.

The Photographic News describes an interesting experiment in heliography, or signaling by sunshine, in Egypt. Col. Keyser ascended one of the pyramids near Cairo, and setting up a heliographic mirror, reflected a ray of sunshine all the way to Alexandria, a distance of some 120 miles.

Commander Frené has communicated to the Académie des Sciences the results of his experiments on board the Desaix on the boilers of that vessel. He places zinc plates on the inside of the iron boilers, which thus become voltaic elements.

Prof. Fresenius has undertaken the superintendence of the manufacture of a new fatty matter, "Adepsine," which is obtained from petroleum. It is produced as yellow and white solids, and as a transparent colorless oil.

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The editor of a newspaper in Japan known as the Nichi Nichi Shinbun apparently does not find it an easy matter to fill its columns. A recent number appeared with a large space left entirely blank, save for a number of straight lines that crossed it, and with an apology for this extraordinary appearance that is amusing enough.

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