

The Press, and Psychical Research.

A VOICE FROM OREGON. The Chicago RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL is urging upon Spiritualists the wisdom of forming a Psychical Research Society...

HOW THE MERCURY STANDS. There is nothing in the universe that man has not the right to investigate, and obtain all the knowledge thereof possible.

Col. Bundy, of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL of Chicago, we are pleased to see, is moving in the matter of establishing a school for the promotion of psychical research...

"THE GREATEST NEED OF THE WORLD." The RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL of last week contains an editorial of more than passing interest, under the caption, "Promotion of Psychical Research."

To investigate in favor of a ruling prepossession, ignoring all facts but such as go to strengthen opinions already formed, is today the greatest stumbling block in the advance of truth, whether in science, politics or religion.

less be remembered by our readers that we gave place to a lengthy compilation of facts, an account of researches in England by a psychical organization for the same purpose by Ed. of Times.

The fact that E. F. Underwood, the agnostic, and the leading Unitarian ministers are commending; and a talented Methodist minister, and a talented newspaper man on the secular press, and a zealous Spiritualist are willing to leave their little fortune for the furtherance of this work, proves to us beyond a doubt, that the question of such an institution is only a question of a very short time.

We think the Ed. of the JOURNAL is partly mistaken in one sentence, viz.: "The class who steadily oppose the JOURNAL'S demand for test conditions and accuracy of observations and statements, will no doubt sooner at a psychical research institution, and raise the stock cry, 'the spirits won't be dictated to.'"

An Open Letter to the Seybert Commission.

RESPECTED SIRS:—In the work before you, I need not tell you that the most interested portion of your audience will be the Spiritualists, and if you proceed in a truly scientific manner, with calmness and freedom from bigotry, you will win their profoundest esteem and approbation.

Having accepted the great trust imposed by the bequest of Mr. Seybert, it is presumable that your desire is to carry out fully and implicitly the intentions of the donor.

Mr. Seybert believed fully in the truth of Spiritualism. So deeply was he impressed with the great value and inestimable importance of this belief, that he made this provision for a full and complete investigation, by such persons and in such a manner as should forever set the question at rest.

Thus far the investigation of scientific committees have been mere farces, which ought to have brought the blush of shame to the cheeks of those who styled themselves "scientific."

HOW IT STRIKES THE EDITOR OF A SPIRITUALIST PAPER. Promotion of Psychical Research.

The above, heads a leader in the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL of October 25th. We have read the article twice over, carefully noting every point, and we must say that the suggestions commend themselves to our judgment.

you have no right to undertake the task. If you do undertake it, Spiritualists have the right to demand that the contract with the generous donor be carried out to the letter.

Especially in the investigation of spiritual phenomena must the utmost care, discretion, and patience be brought to bear. The essential conditions are but dimly understood even by those who have devoted years to the subject, and failure is consequently as often met with as success.

Henry Slade, having convinced Zöllner by most remarkable manifestations, is another desirable subject. It would be well to follow the example of Zöllner, and prove his correctness by gaining the same results if possible.

Mrs. Simpson of Chicago, is another who has true spiritual gifts, and would meet the approbation of Spiritualists. She ever manifests the keenest interest in forwarding scientific experiments and would be in many ways invaluable to the Commission.

Mrs. Maud E. Lord is also a medium who has been thoroughly convinced; and it is probable that the Commission could gain in her consent to required conditions, and if the experiments with her were judiciously conducted in all respects, important results would be obtained in all probability.

Respectfully, HUDSON TUTTLE. Berlin Heights, Ohio, Nov. 4th, 1884.

The Deaf and Dumb.

In his paper read before the Science Association, Prof. Bell opposed the existing arrangements concerning the deaf and dumb in this country, which make them a separate class, and especially objected to their continual marriage with one another, which, he said, would ultimately evolve a race of deaf-mutes.

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