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PHENOMENAL.

Telegraphic Communication—A Masonic Test—The Wonderful Slate-Pencil—Messages to the Living.

(Cleveland Free Press.)

For sometime past "spiritualistic" circles have been thrilled by discoveries made by J. H. Wade and his "telegraph medium." Sub rosa descriptions of the developments have been remarkably interesting and a Press man had an opportunity to witness the proceedings last night at the residence of R. F. Paine, 59 Bond St. Five investigators, including the "medium," who professes to be as deeply ignorant as any one concerning the powers that control him, were present.

The means of "communication with the spiritual world" was an ordinary "key" and "sounder" such as used in every telegraph office in the country, connected with an ordinary Leyden jar (battery) in a tall on the floor. The key was inclosed in a small box whose bottom and lid were of slate. Upon the top of the lever of the key was fastened a small curved spring which touched the slate when the lid was closed. No one could sound the "sounder" by pressing on the lid of the key box, except the "medium," and he could get a faint sound by merely holding his hands close to the box, without touching it.

Scarcely had the "medium" placed his fingers on the box, when the name "Father Bernard" was sounded. Then came a couplet in French, "La fleur sans beauté est une sans parfume." An investigator translated it and the spirit in the box said the translation was correct. The "medium" protested that he didn't know the first thing about French, and his friends say it is the truth.

is accented and pronounced as "a" in "bay." The spirit telegrapher spelled it "Adale" several times and wanted to stick to it, but finally changed to "Adele." None of the lady's Cleveland friends know of the peculiar sound of the "e" in the pronunciation of her stage name. Then came some doggerel rhyme of a personal nature, a long "communication," concerning stocks and the wheat market, purporting to come from a recently deceased millionaire of Cleveland, in which the closing price of wheat yesterday was wrongly given. Then came a remarkable test and if the medium is a cheat he must be a good one.

The sounder announced that the spirit of "Henry Richardson, of Brooklyn, O., who died about three months ago, aged about 50 years, a master mason of Tokalon lodge," was present. There is a lodge of the Royal Arcanum named Tokalon but whether there is such in the order of Masons The Press knows not.

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The slate communications were all of a kind. When the question revealed the relationship the answer began "My Dear Son" or "My Dear Daughter." Otherwise it was "My Dear Boy" which answered for father, brother, uncle or aunt. The so-called materialization of the slate pencil was simply marvelous. Often as the medium was writing the pencil would give out and a few "passes" through the air would apparently supply another. Occasionally he would drop an infinitesimal point into the hands of different persons. Again, he would drop four or five points on the slate and apparently merge them into one large ball, separating them again at will.

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hand index finger the medium wrote two slates full of a communication dated "The bright summer-land" and signed "Tecumseh." "Chump" was a good penman and dotted every "i" and crossed every "t." The news in it was gratifying to believers but vague and unsatisfactory to skeptics. As soon as he signed his name Tecumseh fled and the medium came out of his trance, mopped his perspiring forehead and drank a goblet of water. Another trance followed and the quiet young lady received a communication from her mother, the pencil being materialized on the end of the medium's finger, as before, and the perspiration, the grunts and the drinking of water followed. Finally the reporter got an answer to his dispatch to the bright hereafter. He had addressed it to "H. E. P.," asking a specific question and signing a nickname. There was nothing to indicate relationship in the query and nothing to indicate it in the answer which was really no answer at all.

There were other "communications," but they were less interesting to the investigators, and "the spirits" whenever pinned down to an answer whose truth could be confronted with mundane facts seemed to manifest a disposition to straddle the question and, in this respect, the "séance" was somewhat unsatisfactory.

Psychical Research. Allow me to express my cordial approval of your efforts for the organization of a society for inquiring into the nature, limits and proper uses of psychical phenomena. The want of this knowledge is clearly manifested from the great variety and contrariety of views on the subject. That there is a fixed and permanent truth or principle underlying all appearances and phenomena, no thoughtful man can doubt. Is this underlying principle within the reach and compass of man's intellectual powers? The fact that this principle gives rise to, or causes, every thought, impulse and act, is a sufficient answer. Are not these plain facts sufficient to require and justify the efforts you are making? I certainly think so, and that every one, who would make human life a grand success, ought to lend his assistance to these efforts.

While this is an age of intense and earnest discussion in all departments of being and life, such discussion, it seems to me, is directed far too much to the requirements and practical obligations resulting from certain assumed standards, or criteria of judgment, and far too little to the correctness and sufficiency of such standards. Given a certain standard or measure of truth, and reason will differ but little as to what such standard requires. The proper field for the employment of human reason and research, is to ascertain and determine the criteria of truth.

Buechi, the Berne anatomist, has made a brain model of gigantic size for an American museum. It is about four feet in height by two and a half in width, and shows the intricate mechanism of the brain in detail. An offer of the contract for laying 800 miles of wire across the desert to supply the Pacific coast has been made.

and purifies the motive. The purpose or motive of every act is the measure of its purity. Enlarge the one and you enlarge the other. Limitation never yet in all the progress of the past has discovered or applied a single truth.

The religious world, to-day, presents to the impartial looker-on over four hundred different religions, and over one hundred different Christian sects. We are meekly told by the teachers of each of these sects, that only by faith in the doctrine taught by them can we be saved from sin. To embrace one kind, we must reject ninety-nine other kinds. Laying aside our reason and trusting alone to authority, we stand one chance in one hundred to be right, and ninety-nine chances to one to be wrong. Does the infinitely wise and good Being, the author of truth, present it to us with all this uncertainty? Among the one hundred sects there is but one dogma common to them all, and that is, that unless you profess faith in some one of them they will all consign you to eternal misery.

Why should not religious truth be as much, and in the same sense, a subject of research, discovery and application, as any truth affecting mankind—scientific, moral or legal truth? We classify truth under these and other heads. Legal science rests upon the unlimited principle, that there is, in the nature of things, an equity and justice applicable to every possible relation of persons and property. The search for and application of this principle, in every case that arises, is the business of the legal profession. The means of determination are human reason and logic. Subject to these is every decision made. The vital force of every decision, is the reason upon which it rests.

It is essential to inquire and to know whether there is an underlying fixed principle of truth, which makes requisite the formulas given by the Master, "Resist not evil," "Overcome evil with good," "Forgive as ye would be forgiven." It is essential to learn and to know, whether there is a fixed underlying principle upon which rests the Master's injunction, "Judge not that ye be not judged, for with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged, and with what measure ye mete, it shall be meted to you again." It is important to inquire and to know, whether these things are true because Jesus said them, or whether he said them because they are true. The religious world has accepted them as true exclusively upon the former ground, and given to them merely a profession of faith, without that knowledge of their truth which comes alone from perception and understanding, and which alone secures implicit trust and intelligent obedience.

That unknown space, region or sphere, between the natural, and what is claimed as supernatural, must be explored and the two united by a chain every link of which must be an undisputed fact. Then will all that is natural be elevated and purified of its errors, and improper uses, and then will all that is unreal, imaginary and dogmatic, in the higher sphere, be eliminated, and the direct way from error to truth, from earth to heaven, be made so plain that the wayfarer man though a fool can see it, not with the eyes of blind credulous faith, but with the eye of actual knowledge, and consequently need not miss it.

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The Assyro-Babylonian Myths and the Mosaic Writings—The Maxims of Ptah-hotep.

BY Wm. EMMETTE COLEMAN.

It is very true, as Rev. Mr. Forbush says, that in my criticisms of Rev. Dr. Newman I might have gone further. There are many things I should have liked to have published in my articles in the San Francisco Post, but I had to cut my clothes according to the cloth in hand.

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CHICAGO, ILL., Saturday, April 4, 1885.

The Religion of the Body.

Our readers are intelligent enough to know that they are not perfect; they know enough to feel that they have much to learn; they realize that it is highest enjoyment to extend the boundaries of their knowledge, and not only enjoyment, but duty closely allied to beauty, to act up to what light they have, as the best way to get more.

It is not ignoring spiritual culture, but giving bodily culture and daily habits their due place that we want. The healthy and clean man has a clean atmosphere which is no barrier but an attraction to the best spiritual influences.

For that sound and pure body, a good inheritance is a great help, and that goes back to ancestry and heredity and invests parental responsibility with high sanctity. But it is with bodily health as it is with any patrimony; the heir may increase it to his own joy and that of others, or squander it by blind folly or in base mistice, as he is wise or otherwise.

Dropping all comparisons and figures, let us to the plain daily matter. Good readers, one and all, and especially those who have family responsibilities, do you study dietetic laws? Do you learn what is healthy for the children, as you do what is best for your horses and cattle? Do you keep your daily food in pure air, or where it absorbs the miasma of some bad cellar or the pent air of bedroom or kitchen?

not large variety of well prepared food on the table, and would occasionally change to other kinds. She said: "Husband and I like variety, but not all piled on at once; something good to-day and something else to-morrow. It saves trouble and is better for us and the children."

A good farmer has his stables well ventilated. He knows that cows and horses must have pure air. Does he know his children need it a great deal more, as the human body is more sensitive than that of the beast?

Does he keep all foul accumulations or bad odors far from his house, and especially keep his cellar clean and sweet, with all decayed vegetables removed? Even a library of the best spiritual books is no antidote for the poison of rotten cabbage in a cellar beneath!

Every Spiritualist surely should have in mind the lofty ideal of self-poise and self-control—the supremacy of the soul over the senses, and bodily health and purity. Desire to be healthy and clean, to live a well-ordered and chaste life, must lead to a study of the laws of bodily health and to obedience of those laws.

Theodore Parker, in one of his admirable prayers, spoke of infants as "bringing the fragrance of heaven in their baby breath." What a world of beauty this would be if that bodily purity of the sweet babe could make manhood and womanhood, even to old age, as sweet.

All this is what Parker called: "The Religion of the Body"—and a good religion it is, worthy of all acceptance and daily practice.

Of this religion a great revival should sweep over the land. Old-fashioned revivals are on the wane; let this new-fashioned awakening to the need of good heredity, and clean and healthy bodies take their place. We once heard of a pious man groaning with dyspepsia from whom a friend learned that his loving but ignorant daughter had brought him a piece of rich mince pie at bed time each night for years.

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Give us a great revival of this Religion of the Body.

Facts for Thinkers.

E. S. Edwards, La Grange, Ind., tells how his father, Obadiah Edwards, on the Rutland and Bennington Railroad in Vermont, took his trunk to the Rutland depot, had it checked and was about to buy his ticket, but felt that he could not. He had the check taken off the trunk and went back to the town, contrary to all outward plans and reasons, but in obedience to a feeling he could not resist.

Mr. Edwards also tells of a daughter of Samuel Eddy, of Michigan City, Ind., then eight or nine years old, who saw in a dream or vision at night, a steamer with the name Alpena on its side, sinking in deep, wide water, with its passengers frightened and drowning.

A sensation was lately created in the Catholic churches, at Elmira, N. Y., by the sermons of the several priests. The Ancient Order of Hibernians gave a ball St. Patrick's night, contrary to the wishes of the clergy. It was attended by many of the younger church members, notwithstanding the Lenten restrictions imposed by their religion. Last Sunday sermons were preached in the three large churches denouncing the Ancient Order and severely censuring all who attended the ball.

The thirty-seventh anniversary celebration of modern Spiritualism at Milwaukee, Wis., closed last Sunday. The morning session was addressed by Prof. William Lockwood of Ripon and in the afternoon Mrs. De Wolfe of Chicago was the chief speaker.

Shagrir, indeed pitiful, yet laughable, trying to pass as, but so absurd as to be amusing.—In the incredulity of some very wise men teaching the facts of Spiritualism, and their lack of all mental or spiritual comprehension of their significance. Sometimes it is a self-sufficient scientist, vainly assuming that because he is a fair judge of some things to which he has given long and careful investigation, he is therefore the best possible judge of other things which he has examined little or not at all.

Of this last class is Professor F. D. Hedge, judged by his talk on "Ghost Seeing" once upon a time before the Concord School of Philosophy.

As reported by the friendly Boston Advertiser he granted ghost seeing as a fact about which there is no dispute, discussed dreams, presentiments, etc., and then said: "Modern sorcery, misnamed Spiritualism, claims to have opened the gates of the unseen world. Science has examined its pretensions and pronounced them groundless. No proof has been given of communication with departed worthies. . . . It is an insult to the blessed memories of the just to think that they can be employed in table-tipping and the like."

With what supreme audacity he rules out Wallace, Crookes, Fichte, Zoeliner, Boutlerof, Hare, Mages, and others eminent in science, who became Spiritualists after careful investigation! What cool insult is cast on the intelligence of men like William Lloyd Garrison and almost his neighbor in Boston, Epes Sargent.

A few extracts from the learned folly of old-time scientists and pious teachers may give instructive ground of comparison between them and their modern successors. In a letter to his friend Kepler, Galileo wrote: "O my beloved Kepler! How I wish we could have one good laugh together. Here, at Padua, is the principal Professor of Philosophy, whom I have repeatedly and urgently asked to look at the moon and planets through my telescope, which he pertinaciously refuses to do. Why, my dear Kepler, are you not here? What shouts of laughter we should have at all this solemn folly."

In Martin Luther's "Table Talk" is found the following: People gave ear to an upstart astrologer, who strove to show that the earth revolves, not the heavens or firmament, the sun and the moon. Whoever wishes to appear clever must devise some new system, which of all systems is, of course, the very best. This fool wishes to reverse the whole science of astronomy, but sacred Scriptures tell us that Joshua commanded the sun and moon to stand still, and not the earth.

Professor Hedge speaks of "Modern sorcery nicknamed Spiritualism" and thus shows either his own ignorance or impudence. He must be versed in dictionaries. Webster defines "Sorcery, Magic; enchantment, witchcraft, divination by the assistance or supposed assistance of evil spirits, or the power of commanding evil spirits," and no part of this definition applies to modern Spiritualism. No Spiritualist claims any power to command spirits, evil or good, and none of us believe in witchcraft, or divination, or any other supernatural or miraculous matter.

The reverend's contempt in this silly fling about "modern sorcery is pitiable." Does this educated gentleman suppose that the noble philanthropist, Garrison, devoted many of his precious hours during the twenty years of his investigation of Spiritualism to "divination by the assistance, or supposed assistance of evil spirits"? Does he suppose that Epes Sargent, a man certainly his equal if not his superior in ability and scholarly attainments spent a no small portion of a long and busy life in fostering "modern sorcery" by contributions to current periodicals and the publication of books devoted to the support and exposition of Spiritualism?

He has simply used Prof. Hedge to represent a class, with which he is, unfortunately for himself, somewhat identified. We have no wish to be unjust, or to detract from his real worth, or to be unduly personal, but we stand for what is a sacred and noble truth to us, and owe that truth and its honest advocates a duty that demands plain speech. No eminence of position, or of scholarship or of personal piety, gives any person a license, either to speak with authority on a matter of which he knows but little, or to assume an air of contempt and arrogance toward the opinions and experiences of others,—especially when those others are his peers.

The Peoples Society of Spiritualists at Martine's Hall, Ada Street, near Madison, will celebrate the thirty-seventh anniversary of the advent of modern Spiritualism, next Sunday, services commencing at 12:30 P. M., and continuing until 6 P. M. There will be a conference and mediums' meeting, and speaking by Dr. E. L. Lyon, Dr. M. A. Fullerton, Dr. Adam Miller, Mrs. E. F. DeWolf, and others. Mediums will give tests. Miss Northrup will give some instrumental music under spirit control. There will also be music by the choir.

NEW MANS SHAPING.—Between has been lecturing during March at the Society in New York City which Mrs. Brigham presides—Mrs. Brigham in the meantime lecturing at Norwich, Ct., on Sundays, and traveling from place to place during week days, dispensing the grand truths of Spiritualism. At the close of Mrs. Britten's lecture Sunday evening, March 22nd—the subject being "The Meaning of the Freedom of Worship Bill" now before the Legislature of New York, Mrs. Mary Newton introduced the following resolutions, prefacing them with these remarks:

Dear friends, this evening closes the present engagement with our gifted speaker, Mrs. Britten. She is soon to leave the city, and return to her native land. Friends there are anxiously awaiting her arrival, and are withholding the dedication of two new halls until she shall be there to take part in the exercises. It seems but fitting ere she leaves us, that we give expression to our appreciation of her untiring efforts in the cause so dear to us, and, therefore, we present for your adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we, the members and friends of the First Society of Spiritualists of New York, express to her our appreciation of her untiring efforts for the promulgation of the glorious truths of Spiritualism. For over a quarter of a century she has labored with voice and pen in its defense, and not only in nearly every city from the Atlantic to the Pacific slope has her voice been heard, but the inhabitants of the Isles of the sea have welcomed her to their shores and reluctantly spoken the parting words.

Resolved, That we extend to her and her faithful, loyal husband, Dr. Wm. Britten, our sincere wishes for a safe and speedy journey, and though the waters of the broad Atlantic may seem to divide us, it will be so only in seeming. In spirit we shall not be separated; and may the time not be long ere we shall again have the pleasure of extending to them a cordial welcome. May the bright angels of peace and prosperity watch over, guard and safely keep them until the shores of that "other country" heave in sight and they shall hear it said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

The resolutions were adopted unanimously and with hearty applause.

Medical Restriction.

In this number of the JOURNAL are two contributions, one by Judge Holbrook of Chicago and another by Dr. E. W. King of California, bearing upon the discussion of the laws regulating medical practice and the treatment of the matter by some Spiritualists. We commend both contributions to the thoughtful, unbiased attention of all interested readers. Both contain sound advice, which had best be considered.

GENERAL ITEMS.

Letters await Mrs. Maud E. Lord at the JOURNAL office.

Dr. D. P. Kayner has located at 96 West Madison street, where he will practice as a clairvoyant physician and healer.

Mr. M. Larkin of Oskaloosa, Iowa, who has been East for nine months in an unsuccessful search for health, passed through Chicago last week on his way home.

Mr. G. W. Kirk of Toledo, Ohio, has kindly remembered the poor fund, and in renewing his subscription to the JOURNAL, sends 50 cents.

The unknown New York friend who, through Mr. J. H. McVicker, contributed twenty dollars to send the JOURNAL to those unable to pay for it, has our thanks and those of the recipients of his kindness.

Palm Sunday was impressively observed in the New Jersey Penitentiary last Sunday, when Bishop O'Farrell administered the rite of confirmation to a class of eighty-four convicts.

Dr. Rauch, Secretary of the State Board of Health, while admitting that the cholera will probably pay this country a visit this summer, states that the work of preparing for the scourge has already been begun.

Mr. Joseph Critchfield and daughter, Miss Effie, of Columbus, Ind., called at the JOURNAL office the past week. Miss Effie was en route to Europe, where she goes to perfect her musical education.

An exchange says that the wife and daughters of Bob Ingersoll dress plainly and comb their hair naturally, and are described as looking for all the world as if they had stepped down and out from some of the canvases in a gallery of beauty.

In his sermon last Sunday Dr. Thomas vigorously defended the active participation of the pulpit in political movements, illustrating his position by saying that the prophets of old were eminently practical men who took an active interest in public affairs.

A Chattanooga minister has dropped the roller skaters, and is now holding the progressive euchre players by the nape of the neck over the bottomless pit. It is high time something was done to purify this besotted world.

Charles Dawbarn spoke recently for "The Church," Brooklyn, during Mrs. Britten's temporary illness; also, for the First Society at Conservatory Hall, Newark, N. J., and Arcanum Hall, New York. He is engaged to lecture at the Lake Pleasant and Niantic camp meetings.

Number 11, Vol. 1, of the Record and Appeal of the Illinois Industrial School for Girls published at Evanston, is received. This monthly is published by the committee in the interest of homeless and destitute girls, and is a most worthy object. It gives an insight into the workings of the society and the good being done. Subscriptions are called for, and as the monthly is only 50 cents per year, in advance, we trust many will subscribe.

has been favorably ill with typical pneumonia. The latest information is that his condition is more favorable. We hope to be able to chronicle his complete restoration.

Amos A. Laurence of Boston has become convinced that his city is a Sodom and Gomorrah, and is making preparations to remove his family. It is not the immorality but the agnosticism of the place which, in his opinion, threatens it.

We regret to announce that Dr. J. R. Buchanan's latest work, Therapeutic Sarcognomy, is out of print, and none in market. We cannot fill orders. We can, however, fill orders for the Therapeutic Chart \$1.00, and Manual of Sarcognomy, price 25 cents; both of these lately from the press.

Some weeks ago a citizen of Van Burenville, N. Y., lost a gold watch while hauling logs along the roads. The other day he recovered it, he says, through information given him by a clairvoyant who apprized him of its exact location, notwithstanding snow covered the ground at the time.

The celebration of the thirty-seventh anniversary of modern Spiritualism was held by the Chicago Universal Radical Progressive Spiritualistic Society at No. 213 West Madison Street last Sunday. Dr. Camp, Mrs. Town, Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Alexander, E. B. Shultz, and others, participated in the exercises.

Mr. E. Terry of New York City, in writing to this office says: "I have received a letter from Mrs. Martin, North Oxford, Mass., with an answer to sealed letter and four questions answered. I know the letter with the questions was not tampered with. I can recommend Mrs. Martin as the very best medium I ever knew for answering sealed letters."

Mr. T. T. Morgan and Miss Maud Benschoten were united in the bonds of marriage on the evening of March 18th, by Hudson Tuttle, Mr. Morgan is a young man of promise, and Miss Benschoten belongs to one of the oldest and most respectable families of the town where she resides. May prosperity and happiness attend them.

Judge and Mrs. A. H. Dailey, who have been spending some weeks in Georgia and other Southern States, were at latest advices expected home in Brooklyn in time to participate in the anniversary exercises. A letter from the Judge dated at Marietta, Georgia, the 23rd ult., stated that the party would leave for New Orleans the next day.

Under date of the 26th ult. a Boston correspondent writes: "Mrs. Maud E. Lord will hold services Sunday afternoon next, the 29th, at Parker Memorial Hall, in commemoration of her twenty-third year of public mediumship; also to celebrate the 37th anniversary of modern Spiritualism, assisted by W. J. Colville, and Prof. King, organist, and Miss Eloise Fuller, soloist."

Dr. J. H. Roberts writes from Liberia to the Boston Medical and Surgical Journal that he is convinced that the medicinal herbs grown in certain climates are especially adapted to the cure of diseases which prevail in them, though they may be useless elsewhere. He finds the plants of Liberia much more successful in African fever than the best of drugs prepared in more highly civilized countries.

The life of Dr. Goerson, the Philadelphia murderer, has been most romantic. Before his arrest, Dr. Goerson was of intemperate habits, which, of course, he was not permitted to indulge during his years in prison, so that he was able to exercise the brilliant intellect with which nature endowed him. In addition to being one of the most exemplary prisoners in Moyamensing, he composed the words and music of several sacred songs, and also wrote a medical work, said by those who have had the privilege of reading it to be very valuable.

"Experience" writes to the Chicago Tribune as follows with reference to the cholera: "I have seen cholera in its varied forms, and have been with the sick and dying. There is nothing easier controlled. It don't come unwarned; the premonitory symptom is a relax of the bowels. This is easily stopped and the patient need fear no more. The cholera is not coming to Chicago this year. There is not one solitary reason for thinking so. It never appears here till the second year after raging in Europe. The winters preceding the cholera in Chicago have been open, damp, muggy and foggy, and the cholera has never failed to be an epidemic in New Orleans the winter previous to its appearance here."

There is absolutely "no end" to the list of remarkable cures. No sooner does the excitement caused by one wonderful statement subside, than another rises in an unexpected quarter. The last comes from the Rev. Father Maurice J. Dorney of the Catholic Church of St. Gabriel, located near the Stock Yards, Chicago, and it has created something of a sensation. Not only has he become convinced that miracles are wrought daily by the assistance of the Virgin Mary, but he has, he asserts, in his own family a living illustration. His sister Johanna, he says, has been afflicted with a chronic trouble. Yielding to her requests he took her abroad and visited the celebrated waters of Lourdes. He arrived there August 2nd, and began a novena, or nine days' prayer. On the ninth day the young woman visited the baths, and just as Father Dorney had finished saying mass, she came toward him perfectly cured, whereas formerly she had been unable to walk or bend over. Johanna is now the heroine of the parish. Every one knew of her condition when she went away, and the whole parish is excited by what they deem the kind intervention of the Blessed Virgin on behalf of the child.

The Germania Quartet Concert Co., will appear Thursday evening, April 9th, in the Star Lecture Course, Central Music Hall.

Mr. J. F. Williams, who for thirty years has been engaged as engineer in the commerce of the great lakes, departed this life on the 16th of March in the 58th year of his age.

Mr. Hudson Tuttle addressed the large audience which assembled in the Axtel Methodist Church where the services were held, in response to the last request of deceased.

General News.

The Oxford crew won the university race on the Thames by three lengths, the time being twenty-one minutes and thirty-six seconds.

A Southern newspaper proprietor recently sent up a large balloon as an advertisement. An Indiana farmer is said to have applied for a divorce two hours after he was married.

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Sectarianism.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: It seems to me that a thorough perusal of one copy of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, is a sufficient recommendation for it, and it is, if sectarianism has not previously moved in and taken possession of the castle of the mind—

Death of "Jack," the Salem Police Dog.

"Jack," the dog of the Salem (Mass.) police, is dead at the age of thirteen. All his life he has been a "roundsmen," having been his police service as the dog of Sergeant Murray of the Thirteenth Precinct, Philadelphia police. He was brought from Philadelphia to Salem eight or nine years ago, by Officer Shortell, of the Salem force, whose constant companion he has been during that period.

Meers, S. C. Griggs & Co. announce the fourth volume in their series of "German Philosophical Classics for English Readers and Students," to appear early in April. This volume will be a critical exposition of "Hegel's Aesthetics," by Prof. J. S. Keimig, S. T. D., of the Seabury Divinity School, and will contain in addition to Hegel's thought, many valuable suggestions and remarks upon its applications and limitations.

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THE DOCTORS' LAWS.

Although there is much that is right in the public sentiment of the Spiritualists as to the statutes, present and prospective, regulating the practice of medicine, it seems to me as well that there is a considerable that is wrong.

All our statutes should be framed with due regard to the demands of all—for the highest good of all the people. "The greatest good of the greatest number," is a favorite aphorism in law-making.

In what sense does the medical profession differ from the law,—the propriety, necessity and advantages of such a safeguard? I will admit that the matter of law can be more easily managed than the matter of medicine—but no other difference that I can see.

Is it not very clear with our apothecary shops, that no one should keep them and dispense the materia medica except the most skillful? I cannot fancy that I hear a negative; and who shall select and determine who that shall be except a Board of Health, such as we have, or the equivalent of it, something with like powers?

If the question then is asked, "Do you not find any fault in the law?" I will answer in the affirmative. Certainly I do. And it is in this, that it does not leave a reasonable liberty to the minority, to each individual.

Dropping out of consideration the question of the intrinsic value of their services, is it desirable that we as Spiritualists should so conduct ourselves as to not only have their ill will, but their supreme contempt, and in many instances deservedly? They are in a situation to do Spiritualism great good or great harm.

ance. I have no idea of the existence of any malicious intent against our valuable liberties by the authors of our laws, or the medical profession; at least, not such as to justify such a magnificent array of hard names as is paraded before us.

But our present learned M. D. ("in whom there is no guile") says, "let the petitions be drawn and circulated." Just so, if one effervesces and wants to do some public work; but petitions for what? Not for the abrogation or prevention of all law upon the subject matter.

An Earnest Plea in Behalf of the "Regulars."

Having been a constant reader of the JOURNAL for years, and a great admirer of its many course in the promulgation of advanced ideas and liberal truths, and having seen and appreciated the nice discrimination, tact and good solid sense exhibited in its management under many difficulties, I am not in a mood to find fault.

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Let us admit for a moment that this is not true, and that the people need no protection, and that it is self-interest only which actuates them. What then? Why, oppose them, of course, but abuse, vile language, misrepresentation and vituperation are not the proper weapons. Allow me to call attention to an article in the JOURNAL of March 7th, 1885, under the head of Allopathy vs. Mediums, by a "heaven ordained and angel aided" gentleman with an M. D. behind his name as a representative specimen of this style of writing.

Spiritualism has great power and ability to enlighten the people. It tends to independent thinking and self reliance; it leads man up to a higher and purer life, and helps to free him from sensuality and passion, from superstition and priestcraft. It enables man to more clearly understand his present duty and his future destiny. This being true, as we believe, whatever assists in disseminating its beautiful truths makes for good; helps to make man realize "that to the good, to the perfect he is born, however low he now is in evil and weakness;" it develops his self-respect and places him squarely on the road to progress.

Haverhill and vicinity. Joseph D. Stiles—H. P. Fairfield—Edgar W. Emerson—Hell Put Out.

Spiritualism is being inculcated as usual at Brittan Hall, this city. Since my last communication to the JOURNAL, the members of the Society and others have been entertained by Joseph D. Stiles, H. P. Fairfield and Edgar W. Emerson. The audiences seemed well pleased with the quality and quantity of food presented by them.

Mr. Fairfield is a trance speaker, and his familiar control deals largely from a biblical standpoint, and in a phenomenal manner appears to read the Bible from the palm of the medium's hand, in place of the book.

The Ladies' Spiritual Aid Society, connected with the Brittan Hall Society, has met with the loss of one of its earnest workers in the passing to spirit-life of Mrs. B. Irene Sawyer, of this city, after an illness of both body and mind for nearly a year, and an earthly pilgrimage of fifty-three years. The funeral rites were conducted at her late home on Tuesday the 7th inst., by Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes, of Boston, assisted by Edgar W. Emerson, of Manchester, N. H.

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For the Religio-Philosophical Journal. Eternal Punishment. BY HUDSON TUTTLE.

The horrible doctrine of eternal damnation has for years past been kept in the background, although affirmed in the creeds of all evangelical churches. Jonathan Edwards carried it to its logical extreme, and his followers shouted its terrible denunciation in the cheerless churches of New England, frightening children, bringing sorrow to woman's heart, and pallor to the faces of strong men. While the creeds do not affirm less, having never rescinded a word or letter from their original statements, the culture of the age has made the doctrine abhorrent, and it has quietly been left to slumber in the theological rubbish heap.

He concludes that punishment must be endless because sin is endless, and in hell it will constantly increase; endless because sin is infinite, demonstrated such by the incarnation and atonement; because the wicked prefer hell to heaven; and most vicious people are opposed to the doctrine. The reader will readily perceive the fallacy of the reverend author's argument, and how completely his assertions are detached from his conclusions. He is not to be blamed for the weakness of his attempt, or the making of it, for he has been trained to accept the creed, and right or wrong, in season and out of season, to defend it. He evidently glories in the doctrine, and manifests a complacency, illy

bedding the contemplation of the endless woe of countless millions. The most significant sign of the times is the faint praise and illy concealed impatience with which the clerical brotherhood receive Dr. Shedd's championship. Evidently he has overestimated the importance attached by his brethren to these old doctrines. Every body, even the most zealous church member, is willing—yes, desirous—of allowing them to repose in silence, as fossils of a past age. Dragged into the light of the present they no longer awaken fear as of old, but disgust. Not only are "most vicious people opposed to the doctrine," but all good people are, and if the "wicked prefer hell to heaven," all really good people would find a heaven from which nine-tenths of mankind were excluded, a most undesirable place. The fantastic description of heaven is not the highest incentive for right doing, and hell is pictured in such terrible colors that it excites unbelief. The Rev. Shedd and his doctrines are anachronisms. The North American publishes his article not because of its merit or popularity, but as a curiosity of a past age of thought, happily never to return.

The Medium, Henry Slade.

With the exception of a few days since Dr. Slade returned from Philadelphia, my time has been occupied in looking after him, therefore I know but little of what is going on outside. His guides assure me he will pull through, and have frequently assured me that his mediumship will be improved instead of impaired. They also say that they are preparing to wage war on bogus materialization, affirming that the time has come to do so, and that they will assume the responsibility therefor. During his entire illness his mediumship has been an interesting feature. His physician at one time said something to him in French, and Slade responded in that language; he also conversed in the same language with a lady. Last Monday he and I came up from Staten Island, where we had been staying some days. While there, when he could scarcely walk unassisted, he was entranced and gave a dramatic recitation, with great force, in a foreign language. He now gets up and dresses himself, though he sits up but little. That he is slowly improving there can be no doubt; at least so it appears to me. He gave a sitting yesterday with satisfactory results. J. SIMMONS. No. 11 E. 13th St., New York, March 26.

Emma Johnson, a Kentucky colored woman who emigrated to Liberia, is now Prime Minister to King Opopo, of the Cameroons country.

The Bible mentions 620 places in Palestine, West of Jordan, and 430 have been identified, 132 by the staff of the Palestine exploration fund.

Davenport will not allow sleigh bells to be used within her limits, and farmers living round-about talk of boycotting the town on that account.

In Thomas County, Georgia, a madstone was recently found, for which an offer of \$700 has been refused. It is egg-shaped and about the size of a walnut.

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