



WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT!

Abstract of a Lecture Delivered in Metropolitan Temple, San Francisco, Cal.

[Reported for the Religio-Philosophical Journal by John B. Cummings.]

Watchman, what of the night? Do the heavens indicate fair or foul weather?

There has never prevailed such a general unrest as at present. The deep sea of humanity tosses like the ocean waves...

Reason alone is now the generally accepted guide. In the civil and political world agitation is causing convulsions and revolutions...

In the social world inharmonious in married life causes so many divorces that they now number nearly one-third of the marriages...

The chief study of most people is to get the most for the least. This is right, if we do not trespass upon others...

Improved conditions, to be beneficial and enjoyable, must be the natural outgrowth of culture, not the sudden creation of wealth...

How much better it is to be contented. Our rich neighbor's beautiful estate is as good for our eyes as for his...

Every one has a right to get out of life all that properly belongs to him. The temporal is mere dress, for the spiritual alone is eternal...

Very few are born to the purple; and it is a question whether they are really better off than their subjects...

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seem to be scarcely a grade above the animals. When does immortality really begin? Every intelligent materialist admits that there is much that is unknown in somnambulism, mesmerism, clairvoyance, clairaudience and Modern Spiritualism...

What a man does, not his dogmas, is what counts for or against him. Goodness must be bred in the bone. A fair article may be produced by education, but that is simply impulsive goodness, such as often results from a revival...

There is nothing so potential as love, and without it the world would be a bear garden. Where love prevails, it is as though the doors of heaven had been left open to inspire humanity with hope...

INVESTIGATIONS IN SPIRITUALISM.

Many of the Spiritualistic phenomena grouped under the term Spiritualism are not new. The modern medium may be, in a measure, the successor of the old time magician, necromancer, or indeed prophet...

Let me premise by saying that it is only within the last few months my attention has been seriously drawn to the subject, consequently I do not write with much practical knowledge of it, having only attended one or two seances...

The Catholic Church, I believe, frowns on the subject, and the orthodox regard it with horror. We have spoken of the magician and medium together; let us now speak of them apart. The arts of the magician and his cognates have in a measure died out with the advance of learning and science...

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Some years ago the advent of Mr. Home, a noted medium, in London, and his supposed supernatural power attracted the attention of some scientific men, notably Mr. William Crookes, F. R. S., England, a distinguished chemist...

about 1875, I think, the Royal Society, to whom it was first submitted, not caring to publish it. If this book had been published fifty years ago, and found its way into the hands of a reader of to-day, it would at once be pronounced jejune...

The writer is personally acquainted with more than one person who professes to have the most positive evidence, and is profoundly conscious that direct communications have been made to them from the spirits of departed friends...

Now, accepting the foregoing as true, is it not the most profound argument that has ever been adduced for the immortality of the soul? I know of one person who, from being a professed Materialist, became a believer in spirit existence, and the future life, owing to the evidence of spirit communications...

The Spiritualist discards the orthodox view of the atonement; refusing to believe that the Almighty Maker of the universe, gemmed with innumerable worlds immeasurably surpassing ours, sent His only Son into this speck called earth, to die a sacrifice for man's sin...

Halifax, N. S.

The Personality Versus the Omnipresence of Deity.

BY J. M. KENNEDY.

I will now ask the attention of my readers to the other theory and its teachings accounting for the existence of atoms. Its assumed premise is the self-existence of two distinct and co-existing substances termed Deity and matter, and recognizes these jointly as the source of nature or the world of effects...

of self-existent being. I submit, that, if this is the true explanation of the origin and character of the "original atoms" referred to, it is clear that a continued exertion of Deific power would result...

Memorandum of the Confederation of Spiritualist Societies.

The President of the London, Eng., Spiritualist Alliance, has presented to the public, in Light a "preliminary memorandum on Confederation," which exhibits the tendency of Spiritualism in that country...

In the course of my address to the London Spiritualist Alliance, on November 13th last, I stated, in referring to the subject of Confederation, that it seemed desirable to formulate some simple plan for carrying into effect the objects which I briefly indicated...

When it is considered that the societies which we hope to unite into a common bond are of very divergent beliefs and customs in matters non-essential, though they are happily at one in respect of the essentials of our common faith, it will, I think, be agreed that any proposal made by us should be characterized by simplicity in the first instance...

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By these means we should obtain a broad foundation on which a substantial superstructure might, in due time, be raised. We should set forth a scheme elastic enough to be sufficiently comprehensive...

I would submit, then, with the sanction of the Council, to societies, journals, and prominent Spiritualists throughout the world, for preliminary criticism prior to final adoption, a plan of confederation on the basis of the following obligations, to be carried out with such necessary modifications as special circumstances require...

1. A general interchange of views and opinions as occasion serves. (2) Accounts of noteworthy facts and phenomena, published or otherwise, within the knowledge of the society communicating them. (3) Statements or discussions of points of difficulty that may have arisen...

2. An exchange of journals, published in various countries, with "Light," and a systematic endeavor to acquaint the readers of them with the progress of Spiritualism in all lands.

3. Once during each year, at the beginning, or at the end, a report of the progress of Spiritualism during the year, so far as it comes within the knowledge of each journal or society, to be sent to this Council. These to be tabulated, and a yearly summary published in "Light" for the benefit of all confederated societies.

[Possibly the Alliance might in time see its way to publications in another form, e.g., as Proceedings. But for the time being it would be easy to utilize the various journals for the publication of these matters of com-

mon interest. Or, if preferred, a M.S. report might be sent direct to the Council, and a brief digest of it, and others of a like nature might be published in Light. We should thus give a mass of interesting matter. And again we should strike a blow at isolation, and stimulate sympathetic interest...

(a) Formal introduction of visitors, who should be vouched for by Spiritualists of repute, or officially by officers of societies, so as to give them facilities for intercourse with Spiritualists in the countries they may visit, and the entrance to any available seances.

On receipt of these suggestions I would lay before the Council a draft plan embodying all such as seemed workable. This would then include the definite and well-considered opinion of Home and Foreign Spiritualists. It may be added that this plan, if carried out in any complete manner, would involve a great deal of secretarial and literary work in French and German...

THE BREAD OF LIFE.

The following "Bread of Life" from the Christian Register, will prove, no doubt, Bread of Life to Spiritualists: "If there is any mistake made in estimating the tendencies and characteristics of the time, it is in supposing that people do not hunger to-day for the bread of life. If we look into the heart of our own age, we shall find it as deeply earnest as any that have preceded it...

"It is common for our orthodox brethren to arraign the age for its prevailing skepticism, yet what Orthodox assumes to be its skepticism is rather an indication of its deeper hunger. Men and women are willing to feed no longer on the husks and chaff of the old creeds; they long for more nutritious food. That fossil fish which the paleontologist finds imbedded in the rocks may once have been a nutritious morsel, if there had been any human life to appropriate it in the time in which it lived; but its place to-day is not in the kitchen, but in the museum...

"That there has been a rapid multiplication of places of amusement is true. The age, especially our American age, is relearning the lost art of recreation. An eminent dramatic critic has pointed out that, whereas the theatre fifty years ago was administered almost exclusively for the leisure classes, now it ministers rather to the middle classes in society than those distinguished by culture or wealth. This very growth of new means of entertainment for the people indicates that the pressure of the burden of life is felt to-day. This demand is natural and healthful in itself, whatever may be thought of the recreation supplied. The child that is inclined to take too sober a view of life needs to be tempted to play. Our own age, still bearing the marks of its Puritanic discipline, needs to be tempted to recreation...

"But the crying child cannot be satisfied with toys when it needs food. And the temporary rest and exhilaration which come through diversion and entertainment cannot obscure or supplant the deeper hunger for soul food. Men need not only to be amused, they need to be strengthened. And this is just as true whether they live in palaces or in hovels. There are forms of distress which wealth may alleviate, but how can it minister to a diseased mind or to a lacerated heart? Here it is not the external life, but the inner life which must be reached. Death brings the same message to the peasant that it brings to the prince. Do all that we can to alter and improve the external conditions of life, and there yet remain problems which are insoluble by our philosophies, diseases incurable by social medicaments, longings of the heart, indentments of the conscience, the yearning of eager aspirations, Hunger of the body is one sign of health, and so it is

for the soul. There are desires and yearnings which unfold with our experience. They are not signs of disease, but simply of growth; and they must be met as naturally as they occur.

Woman and the Household.

BY HESTER M. POOLE. 106 West 23rd Street, New York.

SPRING TIDE.

The flower is bursting from the sod, The bird is singing in the tree; One is a song of praise to God.

Each blade of grass, each floweret rare, And every mellow-throated bird That sends its joy-notes on the air.

Oh! Then who givest to the stream, And to the morning's golden glow, And to the evening's pensive dream.

Give me a voice to sing Thy praise, As Spring gives Nature eloquence; Fill with Thy radiance all my days.

CLIPPINGS.

Miss Gordon Cumming is soon to publish, in London, "Wanderings in China," with her own illustrations.

Ceremonious and stately as she has become in later life, Queen Victoria retains the fondness for children that was such a marked feature of her early years.

Girls' College has just received a bequest of several thousand pounds from a woman.

At the recent San Diego county fair, Miss Rosa Smith exhibited a large collection of fishes. From childhood she has rendered valuable aid to science.

The work of building the Woman's College at Baltimore, Md., will begin next May, and the new institution will be opened in the fall of 1887.

Last year there were one hundred and ninety-six women in attendance at the University of Michigan, sixteen more than in the previous year.

Signora Giuseppina Catani passed so brilliant an examination before the medical faculty of Bologna University that one of the Bolognese papers calls her the first Italian who has given a sister to Hippocrates.

Mrs. Olive Wright of Denver, Colorado, was appointed Commissioner for Colorado at the New Orleans Exposition, which opened November 19th, 1885.

The death of Dr. F. Helen Prideaux has called forth many expressions of regret in England, she was one of the most distinguished of the woman graduates of London University.

PRACTICAL WORK BY WOMEN.

An exchange says that Mrs. M. E. DeGeer, a lawyer in Syracuse, Kansas, and lately editor of the Western Times at Garden City, is a successful business woman.

In the line of practical business may be noticed dental work by M. E. Hildreth of Mt. Pleasant, the first licensed woman dentist in Iowa. Also, in Keokuk, where Mrs. T. Noddes does the largest fancy grocery business in the State.

A Maine paper describes the venture of two young women in jelly making last fall. It says: "These jellies they shipped as a venture to wholesale dealers in Massachusetts and New York. Finding a ready sale at re-

munerative prices, they continued the business and up to date have shipped fifteen hundred glasses. They have now one hundred and fifty bushels of apples on hand to make up into jelly.

GO WEST.

The following letter from Alice B. Stockham, M. D., of Chicago, tells its own story. Miss Austin was a broken down teacher from Nantucket, but she had brains, good sense and energy.

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A CHANGE OF BASE.

The Rev. Morgan Dix, we are glad to say has experienced a change of heart. Our readers have not forgotten that three years ago, he flung forth his anathemas upon education, and relegated woman to a seclusion similar to that of the harem.

Resolved, that Miss Winifred H. Edgerton, who, in the month of January, 1884, obtained permission from the board to pursue a course of practical Astronomy in the Observatory of the college, under the direction of Prof. Rees, and who since that time has prosecuted a post-graduate course of Astronomy and pure mathematics with exceptional ability.

Partial List of Magazines for May.

ST. NICHOLAS. (The Century Co., New York.) The May St. Nicholas comes like a nosegay of spring flowers. Rose Kingsley opens the number with an account of the springtime of a poet—When Shakespeare was a Boy, in which she has gathered all the facts and fancies that bear upon his boyhood, and has woven them into a delightful sketch.

WIDE AWAKE. (D. Lothrop & Co., Boston.) Wide Awake for May opens with a charming frontispiece of springtime and variable weather. A Sudden Shower followed by A Century Plant. A delightful story follows. The Top of the Ladder. The Professor's Last Skate is a story of adventure from a young Canadian writer, and Prescott's Capture is a true story of the American Revolution.

THE ECLECTIC. (E. R. Pelton, New York.) Ireland under her own Parliament by J. L. Derwent opens this number and is followed by much good reading matter, as the subjoined will testify: The Rossettis, by William Sharp; The Picture of that Year; A Diary at Valladolid in the time of Cervantes; The Relations of History and Geography; France under Richelieu; Some French Poets; On the Pleasure of Reading; The Evolution of Theology; The Office of Literature; Literary Notices; Foreign Literary Notes, etc.

THE POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY. (D. Appleton & Co., New York.) The Popular Science Monthly for May contains a very able opening article on The Difficulties of Railroad Regulation. The Hon. David A. Wells has a second article in his Economic Study of Mexico. M. de Candolle on the Production of Scientific Men is a review and summary of the conclusions which have been reached by the Swiss philosopher.

OUR LITTLE ONES AND THE NURSERY. (The Russell Publishing Co., Boston.) Stories, poems and pictures amuse the little ones this month. YOUTH. (148 Monroe St., Chicago.) This monthly is devoted to the interests and pleasure of the youth of every family.

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A Building for Working Women. Warner Brothers, the well known corset manufacturers, have commenced the erection of a building in Bridgeport, Conn. to cost \$35,000, for the free use of the 1,000 girls employed in their factory.

FAMOUS WOMEN SERIES. RACHEL, by Nina H Kennard. Boston: Roberts Bros. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. Price, \$1.50.

TOLOGY: A Book for Every Woman. By Alice B. Stockham, M. D. Chicago: Sanitary Pub. Co. Dr. Stockham has met with a large sale in her valuable work, Tokology, and has just gotten out a revised edition in a very handsome and substantial binding.

REPORT ON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES AND Experimental Farm Stations, with Suggestions relating to Experimental Agriculture in Canada. By E. W. H. Saunders, M. A., B. S. C. Ottawa, Canada: Maclean, Rogers & Co.

New Books Received.

CONSOLATION and other Poems. By Abraham Perry Miller. New York: Brentano Bros. POETS AND PROBLEMS. By George Willis Cooke. Boston: Ticknor & Co.; Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. Price, \$2.00.

There is a trotting horse in North Chatham, N. Y., that catches a rat. The other day his owner saw a dead rat in the manger, and when he fed his horse again he kept watch and soon saw a rat slowly making his way to the manger. As soon as he began to eat his meal the horse laid back his ears and made a dive for the rat, caught him in his teeth, gave him one pinch and a shake, let him drop, and calmly got on eating.

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Some Work in Cincinnati.

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The May number of Literary Life is unusually bright. "Joachim Miller Under His Oaks," accompanied by a robust portrait of the poet of the Sierras, is the introductory article.

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