









GENERAL ITEMS.

Dr. D. P. Kayner is now in Colorado. He will be in this city the last of the present month.

"Natural Law in the Spiritual World," is a work that can not fail to interest every Spiritualist.

Jesse Shepard is visiting San Diego, Cal., and giving his musical entertainments.

Mr. Erastus Rossiter, an old Spiritualist, passed to spirit life from his home in Avoca, Iowa, January 2nd, 1887, in his eighty-first year.

Mr. Dinning of Waukegan has engaged the Opera House in that city for a lecture on Spiritualism Friday evening of this week.

There will be a musical, literary entertainment and hop given by the Excelsior Club, Tuesday evening, March 29th, 1887, at Avenue Hall 159 Twenty-second street.

The Watska Wonder, a narrative of startling phenomena occurring in the case of Mary Lurancy Vennum, is now before the public in a new edition, enlarged, and altogether a valuable psychical study.

The trials of life are to prove what we are, to see if we are fitted for higher things. We are tested in the use of ten talents, to prove whether we are fitted to rule the ten cities.

The JOURNAL calls the attention of Rev. J. G. Townsend and Mr. Lauer, who are conducting the "New Theology" movement, to the letter of Mrs. Priest published in this issue.

A New England correspondent asks for the address of one in Boston who can diagnose and prescribe for disease. The JOURNAL knows of no one superior to Mrs. J. M. Carpenter, of 27 Rutland St.

The 39th anniversary of modern Spiritualism will be celebrated at 115 West 6th St., Cincinnati, O., commencing Sunday, March 27th, and continuing to and including Sunday, April 3rd.

With the services at the Grand Opera House Hall on Sunday evening, Feb. 27th, Mr. Morse closed his engagement with the First Society of Spiritualists of New York City.

Psychometry is steadily gaining interest in quarters where not long ago it was either unknown or tabooed. Mrs. Mary V. Priest, of 289 Washington Boulevard, Chicago, has lately given some remarkable exhibitions of her power as a psychometrist.

Michigan people will take note of the fact that their State Association of Spiritualists meets at Grand Rapids, March 25th, 26th and 27th, at Occult Science Hall.

The Newcastle Daily Chronicle of England says: "Mrs. Emma Harding-Britten is another illustration of the special ability with which female lecturers are endowed."

Reception to the Editor in Brooklyn, N. Y.

On Wednesday, March 2nd, a reception was tendered the Editor of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL at the ever hospitable home of the Hon. A. H. Dailey.

A considerable time was spent in pleasant social intercourse among the company, to the evident enjoyment of all concerned, while the Editor was as fully occupied as needs be in the interchange of cordial greetings with the company as it assembled.

Colonel Bundy made a neat and eminent reply apropos, though far too brief, response, which was most warmly received.

Further speeches were made by Col. Hemstreet, and Mr. Henry J. Newton, and a variety of tests were given by Mr. John Slater.

The proceedings were charmingly diversified by a series of brilliant selections upon the pianoforte, performed by Mrs. Clarence Perry, whose skilful playing elicited unstinted recognition.

Southwestern Michigan Spiritualists.

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Agreeable to notice the Spiritualists of Southwestern Michigan met in Conkey's Opera House in Benton Harbor on the afternoon of February 19th.

The meeting was called to order by W. T. Jones, president of the association, and the afternoon was devoted to short speeches by the different speakers and the members of the association who had gone there for earnest work.

Bishop A. Beals, of Jamestown, N. Y., opened the evening session with the stirring song, "The People's Advent." Mrs. E. C. Woodruff, of South Haven, Mich., read a selection, which was followed by a song by the choir.

Sunday A. M.—Mr. Beals sang, "The Beautiful Hills." Mr. Jones opened the conference, followed by Mrs. A. N. Wisner, a resident medium of considerable ability, and a most excellent lady.

The morning session closed with a song by Mr. Beals.

Sunday 2 P. M.—Song and invocation by Mr. Beals. Quartette music followed by a lecture from A. B. Whiting through the instrumentality of Mr. Beals.

Reformers look small in the eyes of the world, because they are so far in advance.

THE NEW THEOLOGY.

Your commentary in the last number of the JOURNAL, upon the New Theology, its founder, Mr. J. G. Townsend, and its newspaper, suggests the propriety of giving to your readers the experience of one who has tested the liberality of the so-called liberal.

Believing fully in the sincerity of the request and offer, the writer prepared an article entitled, "Is the Inter-union of Spirit and Matter Consistent with the Teachings of Scripture and Science?"—the basis for which was drawn from the life and teachings of Jesus; assuming that if Jesus saw and conversed with Moses fifteen hundred years after his demise, may not we reasonably expect a like privilege even though eighteen hundred years have passed since this experience was recorded?

MARY V. PRIEST, 289 Washington Bvd., Chicago, Ill.

Chicago Societies.

A correspondent writes: "For some time I have felt impressed that a few words in relation to our cause here from a co-worker for humanity would be acceptable to your readers, and that they would be encouraged in well doing for Spiritualism by them."

The Society of United Spiritualists which your informant assisted in organizing about eighteen months ago, founded one of these meetings. Like all similar undertakings it required considerable personal exertion, but it has lived and now every Sunday at 3 P. M., its hall, 116 Fifth Ave., is filled.

The popular blood purifier, Hood's Sarsaparilla, is having a tremendous sale this season. Nearly every body takes it. Try it yourself.

A Specific For Throat Troubles. "Brown's Bronchial Troches" have been long and favorably known as an admirable remedy for Coughs, Hoarseness and all Throat troubles.

There is Room for Both originality and art in advertising, and we should be glad if we could impress upon our advertisers the value of tasteful and well-conceived advertisements.

We take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the Knickerbocker Brace Co., in this issue of our paper.

Consumption Surely Cured. To THE EDITOR: Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the disease, called Consumption.

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What a vast amount of pain and suffering would be avoided if the above "Word to the Wise" was heeded in time by every body. The most serious ailments are at first slight, and if given proper attention might be cured and life prolonged.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla. Sold by all druggists. 100 Doses One Dollar.

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Barlow's Indigo Blue. Buy Root's Seeds. Print Presses. It is a Fact that good health depends on the circulation of the blood.

Benjamin's Poreous Plaster. Highest Awards of Medals in Europe and America. The nearest antidote, safest and most powerful remedy known for Rheumatism, Pleurisy, Neuralgia, Lumbago, Backache, Weakness, colds in chest and all aches and pains.

Ely's Catarrh Cream Balm. A Quick Relief & Positive Cure. HAY-FEVER. A valuable work. Price, pamphlet form 25 cents.

Chicago Magnetic Shield Co. No. 6 Central Music Hall, Chicago, Ill. It is a Fact that good health depends on the circulation of the blood. It is a Fact that when the feet are cold the circulation is poor.

Voices from the People.

AND INFORMATION ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS: Till Death us Part. BY DEAN SEABLYE. [These beautiful lines were first published after his death by The Spectator, and were evidently written after the death of his wife, Lady Augusta Stanley.]

The Statements of the Bible Criticized. To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal. We are told that "in the beginning" God made the world.

Great tyrants, who oppressed humanity, have been sustained in their wrongs by religious systems. The priest and the tyrant joined hands, and bleating humanity was their good trade.

Letter from Gen. E. F. Bullard. To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal. Our cause here is progressing fairly. We continue regular services, with able speakers, but we regret to say that the best lectures do not draw as large houses as describing spirits and giving tests.

L. H. Warren of Albany, Wis., writes: Our cause is gaining ground in this place. We are holding private circles and developing some very good mediums; we have also organized a society, rented a hall, and not being able to employ speakers we read lectures from the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL.

Law Manager writes: I deem the management of the JOURNAL as regards giving it the greatest possible amount of influence for good, very discreet, judicious or circumspect, and consequently well calculated to elevate the standard of Spiritualism far above that which would be created by an apology for, or an endorsement of, base mountebanks, charlatans or tricksters.

Gems of Thought in the Journal.

I wonder if the JOURNAL is really growing better, or if the growth is in my appreciation. It certainly affords constant nourishment for that spiritual hunger which must grow forever and be forever fed.

"Our souls are as adequate as find God as our senses are to find the sun, and precisely in the same manner—by analysis. We climb up the sunbeams to the solar center; we climb up on soul-beams to the spiritual center. As rocks and trees are petrified sunbeams, so souls are petrified beams of God, and the latter are in vital sympathy with its source as are the former."

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Three Presbyterian ministers changed their base from this Presbytery last week. Many others want to change, but can find no fat pasture vacant, and the pastures or feeding grounds are constantly getting worse.

UNCLE ABSEES A GHOST.

Strange Adventure of an Ancient Hunter in Missouri Back Country.

There lives a few miles from here, says a Missouri City correspondent of the Globe-Democrat, an old fox hunter who certainly had an interesting and very exciting experience with a spook not many months ago.

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The Death of Beecher.

Henry Ward Beecher has at last dropped out of the living ranks of men, where he has fought many a good fight for humanity.

As the years pass on it can hardly be doubted that Mr. Beecher will be more closely attached to the great work which he accomplished in molding public opinion against the system of human bondage.

How the Blind Dream.

These suggestions by Bain, in reference to "How the Blind Dream," are worthy of careful consideration. In the dreams of most persons, a mental vision is vividly produced during sleep, in which they perceive their friends moving about and conversing.

Have Animals Souls?

Sir,—I have recently had some curious experiences, which I should like to narrate, in order to ascertain whether others of your readers have had experiences of a similar kind.

A Spirit Returns to a Minister's Family.

Inasmuch as the columns of the JOURNAL have contained several accounts of late of materializing mediums coming to grief, and languishing as many doubt the genuineness of spirit-return, I think the following true narrative will be read with interest.

"I believe it was the spirit of my sister." So long as such genuine tests of spirit presence are taking place all over our broad land, don't let us be discouraged that such frauds as Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Beste, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Criddle-Reynolds, are held up in their true light, but rather rejoice and be exceedingly glad.

Notes and Extracts on Miscellaneous Subjects.

The unseen forces in life are never at rest. Every man has not only a right but a duty to think for himself. The spiritual laws of the universe though most potent are least of all understood.

The smallest effort is not lost. Each wave that on the ocean is dashed Aids in the ebb-tide or the flow; Each raindrop makes some flow'er wet blow, And each struggle lessens human woe.

The McGlynn trouble in New York is attracting wide attention and lately seems to be assuming a dollar-and-cent attitude. One of the eastern papers of the reverend Father's faith has started a "McGlynn national fund," and is seeking to make capital in the pursuit of a bushwhacking policy.

Forgiveness is one of the brooks we drink out of by the way. Forgiveness is not simply taking sin off, but putting God into the man. It is necessary that man should sin in order to get God into his soul.

Why do they come, these little ones that enter our homes by the gateway of suffering, and that linger with us a few months uttering no word, smiling in a mysterious silence, yet speaking eloquently all the time of the purity and sweetness of heaven?



