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The Treatment of Criminals.

There has been a growing disposition of late years to treat criminals in a rational manner. The old idea was that they should be punished to vindicate the majesty of the law, without much regard for the conditions in which the criminal tendencies had their origin...

The safety of society requires primarily the sequestration of the criminal, his removal from former haunts and companions, and his confinement where he can no longer commit offenses against persons or property; not only the safety of society, but justice and humanity demand, secondarily, that the criminal be afforded an opportunity to overcome as far as possible his evil tendencies...

Those who have had large experience in dealing with criminals, with marked criminal tendencies, agree that their mental condition is more or less abnormal; that if the intellect is bright it is so only in a narrow line; that there is intellectual instability as well as moral obtuseness, an aversion to continuous application, deficient will-power and self-control, untruthfulness and lack of sympathy as well as of self-respect.

Physically the average youthful criminal is under weight, coarse grained, heavy in his movements, with an ill-shaped head and repulsive features. What intellect he has is exercised in furthering schemes for his own gratification. He lacks the power of sustained effort and in an emergency he is pretty sure to fail in his undertakings.

Dr. Wey has for some years subjected these "criminal dullards" to a thorough course of physical training. His programme embraces baths at frequent intervals, and a manual drill and calisthenics to supplement the routine task performed in the shop, because, he says, this "criminal dullard" is of coarse fibre, representing raw material in the rough, waiting for a moulding hand to overcome his crudeness.

cultivation of the sensory nervous system and mental faculties. With a knowledge of the physiology of exercise he recognizes the fact that it is the weak spot which determines the degree of strength the body possesses, and the predisposition to disease and death; and by cultivating this spot he brings it as far as possible in harmony with the stronger parts.

Industrial training must be made in the future, as it is to some extent now, the basis of reformatory work. Of those committed to the three prisons of New York in 1886, namely, Auburn, Sing Sing and Clinton, over fifty per cent. were out of work when they were arrested, and fifty per cent. were without any trade or occupation requiring particular skill.

The trade school should be established in every prison. The old idea that a convict must not be taught anything that will enable him to compete with skilled workmen who are worthy, law-abiding citizens should be obsolete among intelligent people.

Periods of Depression.

Sir Lyon Playfair in a very able paper, printed in the Contemporary Review points out that during the present century there have been twelve marked periods of depression. In the early part of the century, when machinery and hand labor were in full conflict, the depression was sharp and severe, but of short duration.

"1. That the improvements in machinery, by new inventions, have produced great changes in the quickness and economy of distribution of commodities, and have profoundly altered the whole system of commerce.

Mention is made of the fact that at the end of the last and early in the present century the rapid application of machinery to industrial employments, after Watt's improvement of the steam engine, there was severe suffering among hand-laborers; there were labor riots, during which mills were burned and machinery destroyed, showing how sharp was the conflict then between manual labor and mechanical power.

A. Bronson Alcott.

Speaking of A. Bronson Alcott, Dr. Bartol says: "Charity that could draw a line or give a touch beyond his broad welcome I never saw. He could differ bravely in opinion." How he received criticism, even of the severest kind, is shown by his remark on learning of Carlyle's ridicule of Alcott's "potato gospel."

a monotonous tone; but the fine spirit of the man was always conspicuous, and commanded the respect of all hearers. Dr. Bartol says "certainly, Mr. Alcott wanted to be heard. He coveted every ear. He was hungry for an audience, and thus unlike Emerson, who was equally unwilling to be silent or to speak. Conversation was his passion, but it became monologue. He soliloquized in company.

The Death of Capt. Hannum—Incidents of Slavery Revived.

The other day the Boston papers chronicled the death of Capt. James W. Hannum at Neponset, Mass. Capt. Hannum, four years before the enactment of the Fugitive Slave Law, was brought prominently into notice in connection with a kidnapping case. It occurred in September, 1846. A runaway slave had stowed himself away in Capt. Hannum's ship, the brig Otoman, at New Orleans, bound for Boston.

"The slave having reached the sanctuary of Massachusetts Bay, was as free as the captain who kidnapped him, in the eyes of our law, until it were proved by his master, or his authorized agent, that he did not belong to himself; and had he been seized by the master or his agent and carried off in this clandestine manner, it would have been justified by the decision pronounced by Judge Story in the Prigg case.

The number of the Liberator which contains an account of, and comments on, this case of kidnapping has an article by Parker Pillsbury in which he refers to the Hollis Street Church, which had expelled John Pierpont for his temperance views, as "the church of the distilleries," and Rev. Dr. Ganney who had said that "the mission of the Unitarians is silence on the subject of slavery."

Garibaldi.

The unveiling of the Garibaldi statue at New York the other day was an impressive affair. Garibaldi was an unselfish patriot, a brave soldier and the liberator of his country. His name will be forever identified with Italian unity, in the achievement of which he was the most conspicuous figure and the greatest historic character.

way of the freedom and unity of Italy. Garibaldi opposed papal pretensions because papal pretensions were opposed to the rights and interests of his people, for maintaining and establishing which with splendid genius and courage, he is to-day honored by the lovers of liberty throughout the world.

Mrs. Laura Ormiston Chant.

Mrs. L. Ormiston Chant made her farewell speech in America at Central Music Hall on Saturday afternoon, June 9th, to nearly 3,000 interested and enthusiastic people. The lecture had been well advertised and no pains or labor spared by Dr. Fannie Dickinson to make it a success, and those who were so fortunate as to be present, have reason to rejoice that she had the enterprise and courage to arrange for and carry out so successfully this entertainment.

The stage was occupied by Miss Frances Willard, Miss Susan B. Anthony, Dr. Kate Bushnell and Mrs. Chant; the latter was announced to speak upon "The moral relations of men and women to each other." The lecture was listened to with wrapt attention.

Mrs. Chant is an able defender of co-education. She hopes to see the day when there will be no separate schools for boys and girls. She rebuked in scathing terms the decollette dress of fashion and related an instance of a young and beautiful girl coming to her in this dress saying, "Mrs. Chant won't you let me kiss you good by?"

"The men ask us what good suffrage will do us. Ask your self! What good has suffrage done you? The fact is, we've lost our confidence in men. You are good men, many of you, but you are not strong enough to take care of us. Stand aside and we will help take care of you. What did old Euclid say? 'If equals be added to equals the whole is equal, but if equal be added to unequal the whole is unequal.' The men will allow us to pray for them. Now I don't want to be irreligious, but you have prayed long enough—nothing but illuminated messages to the Almighty with your name at the bottom. You must get to work."

Dr. Bushnell spoke upon legislation. Miss Willard spoke briefly, and Miss Anthony made a short address upon equal suffrage. Each person was presented with a package of tracts and leaflets, including Mrs. Josephine Butler's little pamphlet, "The New Godiva," and her letter to the International Council of Women.

Mrs. Chant came to this country from England to attend the International Council of Women held the last week in March; since that time she has given one hundred and twenty-two lectures.

Rev. James Freeman Clarke, the distinguished scholar and Unitarian divine, passed away June 8th, from his home in Jamaica Plain, Mass. He had been the pastor of the Church of the Disciples for forty-seven years. Dr. Clarke has written several books; the best known, perhaps, was his "Ten Great Religions." He wrote the introduction to "Light on the Path," a little book that has quite a large sale among Spiritualists, being the experiences of a lady, whom we should pronounce a medium, she having been able to see and converse with friends who had passed away.

though churchly tastes led him away from the company of themselves where he intellectually belonged, and an unflinching common sense saved him from the extravagancies into which some of them fell. A transcendentalist he was, and an uncompromising one. The intuitive philosophy was his guide. It gave him assurance of spiritual truths; it interpreted for him the gospels and Jesus; it inspired his endeavors to reconcile belief, to promote unity among the discordant sects, to enlighten and redeem mankind.

GENERAL ITEMS.

Mr. A. H. Wait, Lincoln, Kansas, would like to correspond with a good medium, for the public platform.

Dr. J. K. Bailey has been speaking, during May, at Champaign, Springfield and Taylorville, Ill., and at St. Louis, Mo.

The Rice County Spiritualists and Liberals are likely to have a large attendance at their camp-meeting at Morrissett, Minn., June 13th to 18th.

Albert Thompson writes enthusiastically of the first excursion to Parkland, Pa., on May 31st. He praises the Neshaminy river, the May-Pole dance, and the good time generally had by all.

The 3rd and 10th of June, Lyman C. Howe lectured at Muskegon, Mich. He also lectures at the Sturgis annual meeting the 15th and 17th. Mr. Howe has the reputation of doing efficient work wherever employed.

Mary Shelton Woodhead and Mrs. Clara D. Stacy sang at the reception tendered Mrs. Watson at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bundy last week. Their fine voices and exquisite renderings were greatly appreciated by all.

Mrs. Emma (Curtis) Hopkins began her June class on Monday of this week at her residence and seminary, No. 2019 Indiana avenue. Mrs. Hopkins is doing an excellent work. Her Sunday services in Kimball Hall which have attracted good audiences through the year, closed for the season on last Sunday.

Elizabeth Lowe Watson left Chicago on Thursday evening of last week for Cassadaga camp, where she was under engagement to take part in the three days' meeting held there in June of each year. Mrs. Watson's six days stay in this city was a continual ovation and a significantly promising inauguration of her resumption of public work, from which she has been retired during the past year.

W. H. Leidigh of America, Ill., writes as follows: "After listening to two highly interesting and instructive lectures from Warren Chase, the Spiritualists of this vicinity organized an association styled the Southern Illinois Spiritualist Association, with J. H. Conant of Villa Ridge, as president; W. H. Leidigh, recording secretary, and John Linegar of Mound City, corresponding secretary. There are twenty-one members."

Mrs. Jane A. Stamps left a legacy of \$500 to the Spiritualists of Brenham, Tex., to establish a free circulating library; also another legacy for the purpose of erecting a hall wherein the spiritual philosophy can be promulgated. A catalogue of the books has been published and is intended for free distribution.

Having endeared himself to a wide circle of friends by the potency of his healing powers, the breadth and liberality of his theology, as well as by his kindly nature and genial ways, the Rev. Joseph Adams, leader of one of the many "Christian Science" schools, was tendered a benefit at the First Methodist Church on Tuesday evening of last week. The program consisted of vocal and instrumental music interspersed with short addresses from Dr. C. I. Thacher, Mrs. Ursula Gestefeld, Dr. Adams and Mrs. Emma Curtis Hopkins, and a fine recitation by Mrs. Lida Hood Talbot.

The Medium and Daybreak says: "Miss Clair Tuttle, daughter of Hudson and Emma Tuttle, is reported in the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL to have won the first prize in the literary contest of the High School at Berlin Heights. Good judges pronounced her elocutionary powers as wonderful. 'To her faultless delivery she adds a magnetic voice and presence rarely possessed by one of her age, as we know from personal observation.' In this instance we have genius enhanced by culture, whereas had the effort been made to evolve the same powers phenomenally, or by the methods of phenomenal mediumship, it would have been a degradation. And yet the way has been paved for a higher phenomenality, and a higher response



Voices from the People.

INFORMATION ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS

For the Religio-Philosophical Journal.

Immortality.

EMMA MINER.

I stood upon a mountain side, And looking outward, far and wide, No trace of Nature's life could see...

Again from mountain side I gaze; Warm'd by the sunbeams' brilliant rays, The river bursts its icy chains...

A Wise and Noble Plan for a People's University.

Washington telegrams give the following in regard to the views of Senator Stanford touching his proposed University, which he will endow with some millions of money...

Just before Senator Stanford left the city for Europe he expressed himself as follows with respect to the objects and purposes of the Leland Stanford, Jr. University of California...

Remarkable Utterances.

Capt. J. H. F. Finerty fired an oratorical shell at the Vatican last night composed of statistics, eloquence, patriotism, protest and sense.

The ingratitude of Rome was the burden of the thought that ran through the whole proceedings and the resentment felt was shown in many ways.

The Duty of Man.

The venerable structure, the Egyptian constitution, had been raised by no human hands. As the gods had appointed certain animals to swim in the water...

INDEPENDENT WRITING.

Daniel Hawthorne and Mary Rondel.

The following from Vol. 1, a book entitled, "Nathaniel Hawthorne and his Wife—Aucstral Matters," I trust will be of interest as a positive case of spirit control:

Daniel Hawthorne was born in 1791, and was the great grandfather of Nathaniel Hawthorne. "Bold Daniel," as he was sometimes called, was probably rather a wild fellow in his youth...

The names which were signed to the communications were limited in number, and almost all of them belonged to deceased friends of one or other of the persons present.

One day in the midst of some heavenly-minded disquisition from the dead mother of one of the lookers, the medium's hand seemed to suddenly arrest a few vague dashes of the pencil...

In 1859, Hawthorne returned to England, whence after a year's sojourn, he sailed for America, and there, in 1861, he died. But after Nathaniel Hawthorne's death, his son came into possession of a number of letters, documents, manuscripts and other remains...

The name of Mary Rondel is not a common one; the present writer does not recollect ever to have met with it except in this instance; but at all events, these are the facts, and the reader is free to deal with them according to the best of his belief or incredulity.

W. W. CURRIER. Haverhill, Mass.

Long Sleepers.

A wonderful case is on record of a small which went to sleep on March 25th, 1846, and did not wake up till March 7th, 1850. It seems that this small was picked up in the Egyptian desert, and as he had retired to the topmost recesses of the wharves of his shell...

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe apparently did not look upon her marriage as an end of her school-days, for since her marriage she speaks French, Italian, and modern Greek fluently, and has acquired a profound knowledge of the works of Kant, Hegel, Spinoza, Comte, and Fichte.

BETRAYED BY A GHOST.

How a Specter Cleared Up a Murder Mystery of Fifty Years Ago.

The tearing down of the old Moore house, on the Ullica pike, four miles from this city, recalls a bloody tragedy of fifty years ago, in which evidence against the perpetrator of the crime was furnished by a ghost. For years the old house has been untenanted, and among the people of the neighborhood it has an uncanny reputation.

The alarm was given and Whittinghill was arrested at the home of his sweetheart. He protested his innocence, but was locked up nevertheless. It was noticed by some student of long ago that Whittinghill did not have his cane, and he was questioned as to what became of the big stick which had been his constant companion.

He dreamed that he walked toward the forest, where he was met by a man whom he believed to be Foxworthy, who had been dead several days. The apparition asked him what he was looking for, and on being told the object of his search, said: "Come, I'll show you." Morgan was led to a swampy piece of ground, where logs, branches and leaves had been floated together during the spring freshets.

A Thousand Years Ago.

An old author gives this sketch of matters at that time: "After the coming of Christ what was the state of Europe? The Goths, Visigoths, the Vandals, the Franks, the Huns, the Normans, the Turks, and other barbarian hordes, had invaded and overthrown the Roman Empire, and had established various kingdoms upon its ruins.

Materialization.

Dr. Beale's kindness in replying to my "Pertinent Questions" in the JOURNAL regarding materializations is appreciated. He regards the questions as "a little curious, in view of the fact that nearly every one of the so-called materializing mediums have been exposed."

Was It a Materialization?

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

As testimony corroborating the fact of spirit return, allow me to give a little of the experience of a friend of mine, a young man from Wilmington, Del., who was at work for our nearest neighbor at the time. He was a stranger in the vicinity, a church member, and as profoundly ignorant of Spiritualism as the Rev. Talmage himself, if possible, though not so intolerant, for hearing that we occasionally held a circle, he requested permission to attend sometime to learn what he could respecting its claims.

Later he had a different experience, which, in view of the recent discussions on the subject of materialization and the fact that he is a man of unquestioned veracity, is worth relating. Having taken (one year the same winter) a severe cold, which became so violent, producing a violent cough, he retired early, sick and much worried for fear of lung fever or some similar difficulty, his family being quite subject to pulmonary diseases.

This is what the world wants. Theory and sentiment are good enough in their place, but something tangible and substantial should accompany these theological dogmas to cause them to be received with favor. Last Sunday evening we listened to an excellent sermon which abounded in moral and religious sentiment, and which deeply touched the hearts of most of the listeners.

A Chat with a Presbyterian Minister.

It is refreshing to meet now and then a preacher who is willing to stand by the teachings of the, to him, infallible Bible. I had the pleasure recently of making his acquaintance. I asked him, "Who, or what are angels?" Answer—Ministering spirits. Question—Did they ever inhabit human bodies? A.—Certainly; at least some of them. Q.—Did they ever communicate with those in the flesh? A.—Certainly; the Bible is full of accounts of their talking with men, and communicating in various ways.

Notes and Extracts on Miscellaneous Subjects.

A ray of light travels 11,160,000 miles in a minute. Russell Sage once lost a wallet containing \$44,000, and a clergyman found and restored it. It is said there is a single county of Iowa that raises more wheat each year than all the New England States. A skeleton was dug up in the Boston Common, and various scientists are puzzling their brains trying to find out where it came from. A cat belonging to W. C. Strickbouser, who lives near Gettysburg, Pa., killed a blacksnake three and one-half feet long the other day.



