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Narrative of J. P. M., Being Some of His Early Experiences in the Inner Life. H. T. Child, M. D., Medium.

MY FRIEND AND BROTHER:—I am gratified to be able to come to thee in this manner, and relate some of my experiences since I became a dweller in this sphere.

I wish to say, however, that prior to my entrance into this condition, owing to the fact that I was shut out, by the loss of my hearing, from a great amount of interesting information in regard to matters that were passing around me, I had come to have a double consciousness. The perception of knowledge through the external senses, gives us a particular form of consciousness, and our intuitions give us another, and the relative proportion between these varies. If the mind is almost entirely absorbed in one, it will soon have but little of the other.

I have been from the first, much, very much interested in the spiritual manifestations, but circumstances interfered greatly with the investigations. Still, from the plane of thought to which I have referred, I received impressions in regard to it that were a source of great comfort to me.

This removed all fear of death, and I had a strong impression that my exit would be, as it was, sudden.

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My friend was plowing in his corn-field, and fell upon the ground. A lad who saw him, ran to the house, and in a few moments, his daughter was at his side, but all signs of life had disappeared.

The world is not aware of the vast importance that Spiritualism has been to it, not only to those who accept, but to all, even those who despise and attempt to reject it.

Will this always be the case? Will we always love so unwisely as to involve the necessity for the removal of the objects of our affection? These questions are important to all, but more so to the Spiritualists who realize that the conditions of the after life are but a continuation of this, and that the experiences of this life are designed to aid us both here and there.

I was met by many of my friends and relatives, each one of whom seemed to have something peculiarly fitted to my condition and wants. I had often felt, while on earth, that there was a beautiful adaptation to our wants, in our various associations with individuals in our journey through life; but I now see more clearly, and I find a remarkable capacity to receive from each individual whatever they may have that is adapted to our condition and needs.

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I would suggest that a part of the next donation be applied in payment of a year's subscription to the JOURNAL for him, in continuance of his

to us here. Its realization far transcends anything which can take place under the most favorable circumstances on the earth.

My home here was very beautiful. I was interested as on earth, in the culture of flowers and fruit, and I was mostly among these. I hope to be able to describe our labors here more fully.

I was entirely satisfied to wait for her, for I became better acquainted with the scenes around me, and soon we should be prepared to go forward in the work of life, which it seems to me now, is just fairly begun.

"It is expedient for you that I go Away." This saying involves principles that are applicable to very many of the conditions of life. It is a law that undue devotion to anything produces suffering, and is an evil, however good the thing may be in itself.

I could write a great deal more. If authenticity for what I have written is ever required, I am prepared to give that of the most undoubted character.

DEAR SIR:—Yours being one of the few papers that reaches this isolated mining community, and the only one devoted to human progress,—perhaps you may feel some interest in hearing what is being done here in spiritual matters.

WE HAVE every Saturday night, quite a large seance at Doctor Joe Stinson's, under the auspices of the late Rev. Mr. Babcock, who has been deposed for his devotion to the search after spiritual light, and who plays the most delightful music under spirit influence.

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The freedom of woman is as fixed and unalterable, as that the world moves, and after woman stands by the side of her brother man, free and equal in all her rights, without a reproach, then the great question of capital and labor, of lands and finance, will be before the world of mind, and policy and narrow limitations will be lost sight of in the great comprehensive unfolding, for with freedom comes knowledge, and with knowledge, respect for the right and the true, and whoever may be under the fog enough to deny it, still the great soul of humanity will continue to utter these memorable words, "And yet it moves."

Having noticed a brief paragraph in your paper, stating that you were pleased to see your cotemporary, the Banner of Light, &c., had opened their columns in defense of mediums, I wish to write, not altogether to defend a medium and a gentleman by the name of William Ferris, against any former misallegations, but to inform the readers of your estimable paper, that the Spiritualists and friends of progression failed to discover him to be an impostor or juggler.

Mr. Ferris came here to this city an entire stranger to all, save one, whom he had seen once before at Columbus, Wisconsin. He held both public and private seances,—in all of which he was severely tested by the greatest skeptics, and by those who were seeking to know the truth.

Portage City, Wisconsin, June 1st, 1869.

Voices From The People.

Letter from Etta Keiser.

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Letter from J. H. Sturgeon.

DEAR BROTHER:—Let me state that on the evenings of the 24th, 25th and 26th of April, my wife and self visited the "Round House" in Linn county, Kansas, and witnessed the manifestations usually given there, through Mr. Tippy as medium, which consists of "Reports, or Explosions" as loud as a small cannon, to wake up the hearers, which is immediately followed by talking, and lecturing through a trumpet for two or three hours, and closes with harmonious music, made by a tenor, and a bass drum (which are stationary), two accordions, a harp, a tamborine and the two trumpets or horns, which all float through the air touching different parts of the ceiling and room at the same time.

Persons are visiting the "Round House" for miles around, so much so, that some have to go two or three times before they can get in. Mr. John Morrison, three miles north east of Linville, built the house near his own, at his own expense,—and accommodates and frequently boards the visitors without any charge.

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Communications from the Inner Life.

We shall give its angelic charge concerning thee. All Communications under this head are given through Mrs. A. H. Robinson...

INVOCATION.

Our Father and our God, we realize Thy presence. We see Thy nearness and Thy goodness to our brothers and our sisters who are yet upon earth...

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Q. It has been said that there was not gospel enough in Spiritualism to save its followers...

A. We would ask in all truth and sincerity, what gospel is for? What has been its great object and aim? We answer that it has been to secure eternal happiness after death...

Every one who understands the true definition of the word gospel, will agree with us in what we have said. Spiritualism comes in and what does it say? It says openly and boldly that every man's soul is a gospel to itself...

Spiritualism teaches you to live true men and women—true unto your own natures—and by so living you become worlds within yourselves—a gospel unto yourselves...

Q. Are there elements in human beings corresponding to the elements of the earth? A. Certainly, from the fact that man partakes of everything below him in the mineral, vegetable and animal life...

Q. Is God outside of nature? A. When we speak of nature we speak and look upon it as something that has existence upon earth and that alone...

natural law, or if it will make it appear any plainer, we can call it God—Father—any name that seemeth best to us.

L. JUDD PARDEE. PRESTON DAY, MEDIUM.

JUNE 7th, 1869. BROTHER JONES—I do not know as I can express myself fairly, as I am so choked. The effort exhausts me...

Q. Do you find the spirit life as you expected to? A. Not entirely, Brother Jones. It is more like earth than I supposed.

Q. Did you become conscious in spirit life soon after apparent death transpired? A. Very soon.

Q. About how soon? A. I should think my mind was clear in about thirty minutes after I was found dead.

Q. What did you first discover? A. Persons standing over me, assisting at the new birth.

Q. Did you recognize any persons you had known in this life? A. I did.

Q. What did you observe besides people attending on you? A. I appeared to be in a room similar to one of your rooms, lying upon a bed, weak, helpless like a new born babe.

Q. Could you see persons and things upon the material plane of life as well as you could before you passed the change? A. Quite as well, in a short time. My eyes were like those of a new born child...

QUESTIONS BY DR. JOSELYN.

Q. Do you recognize any one here now? A. I recognize that voice.

Q. Can't you see who it is? A. I recognized your voice; the young man has told me it is Dr. Joseelyn and his lady.

Q. Do you remember when you last spoke to me? A. My memory is muddled.

Q. Do you not remember speaking to me in the room while your body lay in the coffin? A. I cannot.

Q. Do you remember who was the speaker then? A. I am not clear.

Q. I was the speaker then; was sent for and went from Philadelphia. Do you remember speaking through me about two weeks after your funeral? A. I have come here to-day to speak of certain things.

and you do not feel the reality of the life upon this side, I must come to assure you of its truth. I am very thankful to the friends on both sides of life who have aided me in saying what I have to you...

I know how closely you will read and catch at every word to see if it is freighted with the same amount of love that I had for you before my death. I am glad that I have been enabled to express myself through the organism of another so perfectly...

WILLIAM DEXTER. My father and mother are expecting me, or a letter. I was taken sick and died on my way, among strangers, too. Say that strangers were kind to me, but I was too sick to get well.

He was on his way to Idaho, and was taken sick and died. He lived but a short distance from Boston, Mass.

For the Religio-Philosophical Journal Hints for Action. MRS. JULIA ALDRICH JOSELYN, MEDIUM. NUMBER ONE.

We do not purpose to give a reiteration of events already familiar to the reading minds of the present time. But we wish to call attention to the principles that have actuated the minds of those that have been used as instruments in the great cause of human progression.

The world of causes demands an honest investigation of all the intricate problems of effects or results. Through these investigations there will be opened up to the mind a fountain of living principles...

Truth and justice must be the corner-stones, peace and harmony, its final aims and aspirations. With these living principles at the foundation, the sure fruits will be realized; there will be no longer the cry of failure.

Scatter truth,—from East to West, Ne'er let it rest; But as the lightning swift and fleet, Let each soul responsive beat To its harmonious thrill.

Charles H. Read An Impostor. S. S. JONES—Will you please publish the following. On the 28th day of May, 1869, in the city of Waterbury, Conn., a committee of Spiritualists of said city...

Resolved.—That the thanks of Spiritualists are due to J. C. Kinney, editor of the Waterbury American, Fred B. Merriam, E. C. Huxley and L. I. Munson, of Waterbury, for detecting and exposing the tricks of Charles H. Read...

Resolved.—That we earnestly request Spiritualists never to endorse a medium until his character for honesty is fully established.

Resolved.—That these resolutions be sent to the Waterbury American, Banner of Light and Religio-Philosophical Journal, for publication.

BENJAMIN ABBOTT. C. M. PLATT. R. R. CALLENDER. JANE L. BLAKESLEE. EMELINE MOSES.

Since the foregoing was in type we have received the following: DEAR SIR.—You have no doubt learned ere this of my being "exposed" at Waterbury, Conn. Permit me to say, sir, that it is wholly a farce.

I had held some four or five seances at Waterbury and had given excellent satisfaction. On the evening in question, I was holding a seance, the proceeds of which I agreed to give of my own free will to any charitable institution in the place.

Here you have the facts as they really are. There was no exposure, nor can they expose any one thing that is done in my presence. I defy them all to do so. Why do they not come out and tell how these things are done if they have exposed it?

Yours fraternally, CHARLES H. READ. Clare De Vere at Detroit. DEAR SIR.—I noticed an article in last week's JOURNAL on the Detroit Society and Bro. Peebles's ceremonial. One would have thought that such an elaborate system as Brother Peebles introduced would have the effect of giving an impetus to the spiritual cause in that city...

Yours truly, J. L. BULLER.

The Detroit Society of Spiritualists—A Reply to E. V. Wilson. TO THE EDITOR OF THE RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL.—Your JOURNAL of May 29, has an article in the department conducted by E. V. Wilson, commenting upon an article that appeared some weeks ago in the BANNER OF LIGHT...

The Detroit Society was organized under a general declaration of principles. If a demand for organization existed, the necessity of order was equally felt. The forms laid down in the "Spiritual Harp" were cordially accepted.

Unwilling to attribute a mean motive to a friend and brother, the conclusion follows that Mr. Wilson's article was prompted by a sincere hostility to all form and order in Spiritualism.

DEAR SIR.—The Spirit world, I find is not confined to time nor space, giving that the denizens thereof have been giving proofs of their presence, through the mediumship of your humble servant.

Brother Fishback is proving himself to be an earnest worker in the field. Last week, he was at work for the friends in Cold Water, and at the Iron Horse came rapidly on, in his race with time, westward bound, we merely caught a glimpse of our brother, but could not speak to him and got no report from the land of promise.

Strength of Man and Insects. A man of thirty, weighing on an average a hundred and thirty pounds, can drag, according to Regnier, only a hundred and thirty pounds.

M. Plateau has also adduced evidence of the fact that, in the same group of insects, if you compare two insects, notably differing in weight the smaller and lighter will manifest the greater strength.

To ascertain its pushing power M. Plateau introduced the insect into a card paper tube whose inner surface had been slightly roughened. The creature, perceiving the light at the end through a transparent plate which barred its passage, advanced by pushing the latter forward with all its might and main, especially if excited a little.

But we must not forget that it ought to be in direct proportion to the quantity of carbon burnt in their system. To put the law completely out of doubt, it would be necessary to determine the exact weight of food consumed, and the quantity of carbonic acid disengaged in the act of breathing.



