

Literary Department.

For the Religio-Philosophical Journal. INDIANA.

A View from the Panopaea of Spiritualism and Reform.

BY DR. J. K. BAILEY.

A review of the experiences of the past, in connection with the great movement of the nineteenth century, brings before me oft recurring pictures of depression, doubt and failure, as well as the opposite and brightly glowing scenes, which cheer and gladden the heart and buoy the hope.

At Richmond (in this State), the friends of this noble cause have bravely illustrated the above cogitations. They have gradually increased the impetus of the invincibly ever-moving car of reform.

Lyceum Hall Building.

Something like six months ago, the first brick was laid, on the corner of Fifth and Broadway; for what was then supposed to be a modest building of no very imposing proportions.

Lyceum Hall Building, which is now very nearly completed, has six feet front and six feet depth, and is a broad airy way which leads to a commodious lobby room, with check-off, check room, library room, and at either end, wide stairs leading to the Hall.

The frescoing—Mr. A. Fisk artist—is not yet finished, but enough has been done to indicate the general plan. The design of the ceiling, in the hall, is an eagle bearing a banner.

Extraordinary Spiritual Manifestations.

A record of phenomena known as spirit manifestations has recently appeared in England, which appeals strongly to our love of the marvelous.

It is entitled "Experiences in Spiritualism with Mr. D. H. Home, by Viscount Adelaide, with an Introduction by the Earl of Dunraven. As it was printed for private circulation among the friends of these two gentlemen, and is jealously protected, it should get into general circulation in some surreptitious manner, it is not likely to be republished on this side of the water.

At some of these seances his body was elongated from his usual stature of five feet ten inches, to six feet long.

But the most remarkable test was that of fire. It remains out of the Bible, that of the three young Israelites who were cast into the furnace and came forth unscathed.

He touched it with the tip of his finger, and burned himself. Home said, "No, no; touch it and see."

Why, just fancy, some of them think that only one side of the matter was made plain to me. He told me to make a hollow of both my hands; I did so, and he placed the coal in them, and then put both his hands on the top of the coal, so that it was completely covered by our four hands, and he held it there for some time.

Similar experiments were made at Ashley House, and are attested by witnesses whose testimony would stand unimpaired in any community. We quote the following passages from a letter of the well known author, Mrs. S. C. Hall, who is distinguished the world over for the purity of her writings and the elevated thought that runs through them.

"We were nine (a greater number than Mr. Home likes); we were seated round the table, as usual, in the small drawing-room, which communicates with a much larger room; the folding doors were pushed back into the wall, and the portiers unrolled. I think there was one lamp burning over the table, but a very large fire was blazing away in the large room. I know that there was a great deal of light. The Master of Lindsey, Rev. Mr. Y. and his wife, Mr. Hall and myself, Mr. Home and the Misses Berkeley were present.

She drew back, and I heard him murmur, 'Little faith—little faith!'

"Two or three attempted to touch it, but it burned their fingers. I said, 'Daniel, bring it over to me, I do not fear to take it!'

travels them with sober consideration. But it will not do for them to insist upon faith, without proof, in their wonderful stories, and at the same time denounce things, no more marvelous, which have the authentication of individuals as distinguished, to say the least, for adherence to the truth as themselves.

False Teachers—Geology.

The cry of false teachers—'Lumber! devil! industry! delusion!' etc. which the press and clergy have for years heaped upon the Spiritualists, is on the wane. Sensible people, those who are not afraid to investigate Spiritualism, must necessarily come to the conclusion, and do in due season, that the beautiful doctrine of Spiritualism is as fixed and immutable as nature.

Who are the false teachers? Spiritualism, which teaches, and has positive proof, through Geology, that the world has existed for thousands of years?

"Ah!" says the Advent preacher, "Geology won't do for our people. It knocks the props from our religion. Where would our seventh-day Sabbath be, if we admit for a moment that Geology is true? No, no! We must hold that science from our church and people altogether."

Continued from first page. False teachers of the people... Spirituality is as old as mankind...

Deity. It may be possible, however, that God—the God who came from heaven—did not possess those keen sensibilities that mortals do...

SPIRITUALISM OF THE BIBLE. Hagar and the Angel—Formation of the Physical Body. In our previous article, we spoke of the jealousy of Sarah, the duplicity and meanness of Abraham...

elopement of a Methodist Clergyman Residing in New York City. The elopement of Horace Cook, pastor of the Seventh Street Methodist church, with Miss Martha Johnson, creates intense excitement in the church circles in this city...

"There is a Divinity which shapes our ends, Rough-hew them as we may." To that Power,—in the agencies of that power, our souls respond with reverential gratitude.

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THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. The Extreme Absurdity of the Bible Statement.—Views of the Author of the Three Voices.

There is a strange mystery connected with the Immaculate Conception. The idea that God the Infinite, should select a virgin for the purpose designated in Scripture, is to us extremely inconsistent and absurd.

It really seems to us that God—the God who made Adam out of the dust of the earth, and Mother Eve from a rib of his, would not have selected one of their descendants to become the mother of a son for Him, from the simple fact that they had "fallen from grace"—had become tainted with sin, and, of course, all their descendants had become affected thereby, and not one of them could have been pure.

"Really it is true that God did go And on Virgin Mary, a child beauteous, And then by law forbid the same And never repeat the like again!" Why God should select Mary for the purpose of begetting a son, when the Bible distinctly says that He is an impartial Being and no respecter of persons, we are unable to say.

"Really, we can not understand why, God should his own inherent law defy, And commit adultery, then go home As if ashamed, to his heavenly throne, And then with scepter in hand, Boldly issue his command For mortals not to do as he had done, But all such acts forever shun."

The above is another pertinent inquiry of the muse, and one well worthy of a candid reply from those who believe that He can be in one place more than another. We would like to visit that locality where there is "no-re of God than elsewhere," and give the same a careful examination.

But we have written this article, not for the purpose altogether of showing the absurdity of the Immaculate Conception, but to bring into notice one of the spiciest books—really a poetical gem—brim full of sparkling nectar from the gurgling fountains of the Muses.

It may well be a virgin, more a child before she was, than the child she is called—Then God revealed, or modified, or clause in His established preceptive laws, To raise a God-like man, of whom to boast, Whom all men would be glad to follow.

The author of THE VOICES has done the world a signal service in this volume—equally as beneficial to mankind as the discovery of the diurnal revolution of the earth by Galileo. His ideas are pointed, clear, concise; his narrative is beautiful, musical, and bubbling over with the emotions of a soul that is inspired from the Central Source of Thought.

A person writing from the above named place complains that he has written before—and got no reply. The reason is obvious—he don't append any name to his letters. When will careless correspondents learn to be more careful?

In regard to this communication, we can only come to this conclusion—that Hagar was clairvoyant and clairaudient, and therefore saw the spirit form of the angel, and the voice given expression by him, or he so materialized himself that he could present himself to her.

The affair creates intense excitement in Methodist circles, which is heightened by reports that he had written a tract to be sent out in this country, never, is not confirmed. On the contrary, it is more than probable that both left on the European steamer on Saturday, as the letters above mentioned were posted in this city on Saturday morning—EX.

The unparalleled success of this paper during the last six months, in the greatly increased number of its subscribers, is evidence conclusive that it has won its way to the good opinion of the Spiritualists of the world by its bold and fearless advocacy of truth.

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On Saturday, Miss Martha's father received the following letter: "I will care for her lovingly, tenderly, kindly, inconsistent as it may appear with my present conduct. I ask for no mercy, but am ready to part with my life for the possession of the woman I adore."

The above case is an interesting one, and is well calculated to create within the mind the query, why is it that so many Methodist clergymen are deviating from that path which the world denounces as "right," to plunge into that current which the world designates as "wrong?"

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From the days of Virgil down to those of Milton and Shakespeare, men have loved and felt an interest in bees. Amid all the various manifestations of the boundless power of God, there is not probably, one individual subject of greater interest alike to the practical, the popular, the scientific, or the poetical mind, than the natural history of the honey bee.

"So work the busy bees Creatures that by a rule in nature teach The art of order to a peopled kingdom. They have a king, and officers of war, and when some like magistrates correct at home. Others, like merchants, venture trade abroad. Make food upon the summer's velvet buds. Which plucking they fill with merry madrigal songs. To the intent of their emperor's command. Who, bustled in his majesty, surveys The singing maçons building roofs of gold. The civil citizens, beseeching up the honey. The mechanic porters, crowding in Their heavy burthen at his narrow gate; The ad-ye'd justice, with his surly hum Delivering o'er to executors pale The lazy yawning drone."

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Lord Byron writing from Meads in his own Defence.

From the Glasgow Weekly Mail.

The thousand-and-one articles and pamphlets on the iron scandal...

I can't console be in the flesh, I can't be a witness of his death...

My dear sister, your sweet soul has passed away...

In connection with the above, the great Divinity, Henry Ward Beecher and the Rev. Frothingham...

Secularly Christians—No. 2.

"Spiritualism made my neighbor crazy," said Mr. B.

"Yes, and there was that woman and her children, at Battle Creek, who poisoned her three children, not long ago," said the very pious Mr. Rayso.

"Besides, Mr. W. came on to the platform at a public meeting, very much intoxicated at Jackson," said old Father Chastity.

to breaking up families, Jesus himself (says in Luke, 18th chapter: "There is no man who hath left wife or children...

Paul was opposed to marriage, and evidently held peculiar views in reference to the family relations.

In regard to the woman of Battle Creek and her self poisoning her children under spirit influence...

In regard to women's rights, and her elevation to places of trust, we plead guilty, and say, give women every right...

In regard to strong minded women, they are not peculiar to Spiritualism. If we remember correctly, Mrs. Stanton, Mrs. Livermore, Mrs. Blackwell...

The free love movement, to be in bad taste, and like chickens, will come home to roost.

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