











Communications from the Spirit World.

He shall give His angels charge concerning thee.

For The Religio-Philosophical Journal. SPIRIT SCENERY.

Communication from Shea—His Beautiful Spirit Home—Scenery in the Spirit World.

ANNIE CURRAN TARBIE, MEDIUM.

Desiring much to give to my friends of earth a description of my spirit home, I come to you, Madam, and beg you to spare me a few moments of your time.

In my present home in the land of emerald fields, I can shake my thirst at nature's fountain, and drink in her divine beauties, refresh and exhilarate my soul.

Any inmate of those immortal shores, whose soul has become perfectly purified, can, by holding one of those shells in their hand, hear the most harmonious voices discoursing of distant lands, of grand and glorious scenes that are far beyond the conception of the inmates of this sphere.

On a slight elevation of land just above where the hermitage stands, I have my dwelling. It is in a pleasant rural spot, and is a cottage of a style often met with in England and Ireland—it is the Tudor.

To the right of the house as you ascend the rise, is a grove of trees something like the forest oak in form, with leaves as large as a palm, of a delicate green with serrated edges.

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THE DAVENPORT PUZZLE.

How one of the Davenport Boys Untied Forty Hard Knots of Spool Cotton in the Dark—A Problem for the Boston Investigator.

EDITOR JOURNAL: I have never taken any hand in the Davenport controversy or "juggle" of "lumbag," or whatever it may be called;

I think it was in the summer of '63, during the draft excitement. The Brothers visited La Crosse, Wisconsin, remaining there a month, stopping with friends and residing in the vicinity with guns, fishing-rods, etc.

I arranged the company on one side of the room, and a table about in the center, on which was placed a fiddle, tambourine, guitar, bells, etc. At the side of the table was a harp.

I have never yet seen the person who could untie one hard knot of fine spool cotton in the dark. How those forty knots got untied, and how the coil got back into my pocket, I leave for the "light fingered" gentlemen of the Boston Investigator to explain.

DEAR JOURNAL: Thursday evening, October 21st, a party of six of us stepped on the Newport train, to go and spend an evening with Robert Crandell.

Mrs. Crandell stood near the piano with one hand held over the lid. We could not perceive the least motion made by her.

Lights were produced in different parts of the room, passing from one place to another, and the medium at one time was nearly covered with stars which would disappear in an instant at her pleasure. Sometimes they remained ten or fifteen minutes.

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THE APOSTLE PAUL'S MEDIUM.

Extraordinary Experiences in the Life of Alexander Smith of Philadelphia.

After reading Mr. Davis's reply to my communication, I considered myself much enlightened on the subject, and much relieved of my timidity, and after some mature reflection, I resolved, that if there was a spirit wishing to communicate with me, I would avail myself of the opportunity, and with as much firmness as I could assume, invite the invisible intelligence to further proceedings.

"What can be the purpose of the visit?" Such questions occurred to me mentally. Oh! with what eager expectancy did I wish for the moment to pass, all around me being silent as death, as I waited with an intense uneasy suspense.

"Who calls me?" I enquired mentally, with considerable trepidation.

"I am the spirit of one who, like you in nature, once inhabited the earth as mortal man far back in the history of nations," answered the voice, in a grave, manly tone.

"How shall I know or believe, what you say to be the truth?" I inquired of the spirit, "since you have given yourself so bad a character?"

"My friend, for so I must consider you as I will explain presently," replied the spirit, "I have passed many centuries, in a state of isolation, and separation from the happy spheres of this world, which became a necessary, self-inflicted punishment before we became worthy of mingling in the social harmony of other spirits.

"I have just passed through a most terrible war, is a fact, so indelibly written on the pages of history that God and the devil cannot combine power sufficient to obliterate that fact; for should the world be set back ten years, and all things assume their former conditions, and the slain live again, the fact of the war would still remain, and we say, 'With God all things are possible.'

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agent on the earth, he knew all my iniquities and wicked designs, and served me with great zeal in the execution of my conspiracy against the good man, Jesus. I was therefore in the power of Judas in that respect; I was afraid he might expose my crimes to the world, to prevent which I rewarded his faithful, though sinful services, by taking his life.

"What may be the nature of that task, and how related to me?" I inquired of the spirits.

"We are requested," answered the spirit Saul, "as an act of atonement for our past wicked deeds, for the benefit of mankind, that we should descend to the earth, and seek out a man to act as our agent and confessor.

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standing at the helm; your head being on the same plane with the boom;—your brains in another second would have been scattered to the winds, had I not thrown you flat upon the deck at the instant.

"I could mention many other instances where I have saved you from danger," resumed the Spirit, Saul; "but I will not take up more of your time than is necessary; however, there are some things I must relate, to give you a correct understanding of our good intentions, so as to establish your confidence in me and Judas.

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