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SUBJECTIVE MIND AND SPIRITUALISM.

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In a late number of the SUNFLOWER was an article, on the "Subjective Mind" which, if its premises be granted, sweeps away every evidence of Spiritualism, by accounting for all its psychic phenomena.

This article contains nothing new, being a restatement and quotation of facts from Dr. Hudson's book, written for the purpose of explaining Spiritualism, and received by many as unanswerable. In fact, Spiritualism never has had a more plausible, cunning and successful antagonist. The explanation is not new with Dr. Hudson. He simply gave new names in place of the old, the theory remaining the same. It must be nearly a quarter of a century since Dr. Carpenter, in his "Principle of Mental Psychology," gave a large number of pages to the consideration of spiritual manifestations. The residuum remaining after cancellation of frauds, he accounted for by "unconscious cerebration," or "ideomotor action." This in plain English means that the mind unconsciously thinks, acts, and wills, without recognizing its own activity.

The "Subjective Mind" is another term for the same thing. That there is a sub-mind concealed by the active, everyday mind, is a baseless assumption. It does not fulfill the office of an hypothesis even, for it does not explain and unite the facts. In the very beginning it calls for belief in an absurdity: That this subconscious mind is in every way superior to the conscious. It never forgets, and all we have to do to become great poets, mathematicians or inventors, is to let our conscious mind become absorbed by the subjective or sub-conscious mind. Then there will be no dearth of poets, of rhymes, of flashing ideas, of eloquence.

How is it possible to conceive of two kinds of mind? If as the advocates of this assumption hold, and most of them do, because they are materialists, mind is simply a product of the nerve cells of the brain, how can these cells give rise to two forms of mental expression?

Granting that there is a subjective mind, that it stores up all impressions, how is it when in this state, it gives evidence of a knowledge of things which never came under its cognizance? Surely it cannot have stored memories of things it never knew!

The Spiritual theory is, that this so-called sub-conscious state, is a receptive or sensitive state; a trance more or less profound, and the unexpected results are from exaltation of the mental faculties and thought—impressions from spiritual beings. Then the state designated by "Unconscious Cerebration," the "Subjective Mind," "Sub-consciousness" and mediumship are identically the same, and whatever explanation we adopt must be able to cover all psychic facts in the field.

Illustrations of this similarity, to an unlimited extent might be drawn from the line of authors, artists, inventors, statesmen and warriors. In fact, scarcely a single one of all the brilliant names which lead on the scroll of fame but might be taken as an example.

Perhaps the trance of the greatest of all poets, Tennyson, is the clearest, as we have the description in his own words in a letter written in 1874 to a friend, he says: "I have never had any revelation through anaesthetics, but a kind of waking trance (this for want of a better term) I have frequently had, quite up from boy-

hood, when I have been alone. This has often come upon me through repeating my own name to myself silently till, all at once, as it were, out of the tenacity of the consciousness of the individuality, the individuality itself seemed to resolve and fade away into boundless being; and this is not a composed state, but the clearest of the clearest, the surest of the surest, utterly beyond words, where death was almost a laughable impossibility, the loss of personality (if it were) seeming no extinction, but the only true life. I am ashamed of my description. Have I not said the state was utterly beyond words?"

The case of blind Tom is on the other extreme. In the poet is the ripe scholarship and assiduous training the resultant of highest culture, in the latter, an uncouth, ignorant, idiotic negro. Yet "his subjective self" is not idiotic. It is supposed to perform musical feats, which the trained musician would attempt. Now we have a choice of two theories, to suppose his subjective mind is superior to the objective mind of the majority of musicians, or that in this semi-unconscious or trance state he is capable of being used as an instrument by spiritual intelligences for the production of music. If the first is absurd, the last would have to believe that he was no more the cause of the music than the instrument on which he played.

Ole Bull, to the physical conditions of impressibility added culture. Hence he was able to recognize the spiritual visitor. On one occasion, the voice of Handel murmured in his ear, often a rendition of that composer's "Hallelujah Chorus," "Only Shadow Music Sung by Shadows," my soul asked, "Where then is the substance, Master?" "In my world," the voice replied, "where alone all things are real and music is the speech."

Now the question arises Is mediumship a manifestation of this "sub-conscious," or of the "subjective mind?" If communications are made through mediums, which are beyond the possibility of having ever been known to them, descriptions of persons they never saw, and events they never heard of, the subjective mind theory would fail. Do mediums give such communications? I think it is safe to claim that everyone who has carefully investigated has met with such evidence. I know in my own experience I could fill many pages with facts showing the utter impossibility of the mediums mind, objective, or subjective having ever been cognizant.

JUST BEING HAPPY.

The way to enjoy a life-long song, Is by just being happy all the day long.

Whether the days are cloudy or drear Cannot darken our lives if we have no fear.

Looking always for the brighter side. Seeing the best whatever betides; No life so dark but a thread of gold May bless in its texture as time unfolds.

Someone to help on life's earthly way, By just being happy every day; Thinking of that which is brightest and best, And simply ignoring all the rest.

Strangers and friends will happier be When our smiling faces they constantly see;

Some we may teach who now groan and sigh, By just being happy—you and I.

Phoebe A. Naylor. 271 W Delavan, Ave. Buffalo, N. Y.

An Old Favorite

OH, MARY, CALL THE CATTLE HOME

By Charles Kingsley



Oh, Mary, go and call the cattle home, And call the cattle home, And call the cattle home, Across the sands o' Dee! The western wind was wild and dank w' foam, And all alone went she.

The creeping tide came up along the sand, And o'er and o'er the sand, And round and round the sand, As far as eye could see; The blinding mist came down and hid the land, And never home came she.

"Oh, is it weed, or fish, or floating hair— A tress o' golden hair, O' drowned maiden's hair, Above the nets at sea? Was never salmon yet that shone so fair, Among the stakes on Dee."

They rowed her in across the rolling foam— The cruel, crawling foam, The cruel, hungry foam— To her grave beside the sea; But still the boatmen hear her call the cattle home Across the sands o' Dee.



MISSIONARY REPORT.

E. W. Sprague and Wife's Report For February.

Our work in the state of Michigan during February was very satisfactory in every way excepting in cash receipts.

During the month we visited nine towns; held 32 meetings; organized 6 new societies, which are chartered with the Michigan State Spiritualist Association. Besides this we added a number of members to societies that were previously organized.

The life of a Spiritualist missionary is a busy one, every moment is filled with work. Our correspondence is large and other writing requires much time.

Traveling from place to place, writing on board trains and in depots while waiting for trains; holding meetings incessantly, etc., occupies every moment of our time.

We never have a Sunday to rest and every week-day is filled with work from the time we waken in the morning until we retire late at night. We greatly enjoy the work, though we often feel we would like to spend a quiet day at home or in some secluded spot where we could lay aside every care and responsibility for a few hours. We are seldom granted this privilege, for the people are famishing for the beautiful truths of Spiritualism and it is a source of happiness to us to be able to assist them to receive them.

We have both been having la grippe for the last week. We were cared for by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Francis the publishers of the Progressive Thinker, one night in Chicago and by Mr. and Mrs. C. Munson, in Beloit, Wisconsin, for four days. These good people did everything in their power for our relief, and we were enabled to fill our daily appointments.

Mrs. Sprague was not able to be present at one meeting in Beloit, so we were obliged to do the work alone. We were too hoarse to do ourselves or the audience justice. We ought to have been in bed at the time.

We very much appreciate the kindness of all our people with whom we meet. Wherever we go we are treated with the greatest kindness.

At this writing neither of us are entirely free from la grippe though

we keep at our work ever pushing forward "never wearying in doing good."

This work of awakening new interest in the cause of Spiritualism and educating the people to the necessity of thorough systematic organization.

If every one interested in Spiritualism would do a little something financially and otherwise to help the cause along, our organization would grow so rapidly that the world would soon realize that Spiritualism is the greatest factor in human progression in the world, and our hopes would be realized.

Parties wishing our services as missionaries may address us at Sturgis, Mich., until April 1st. Home address, 618 Newland Ave. Jamestown, N. Y.

E. W. SPRAGUE AND WIFE.

A Dream.

February 20th I dreamed of little Eva Farmer; she was barefoot, dressed in a white muslin dress, so long her feet barely showed, gathered loose around the neck. We seemed traveling and it was night. Two or three times I lose her—finally we arrived home—there she vanished from my sight. I told the dream to several responsible people, in the forenoon. Before I slept again I got news that her little spirit left the body about the hour I dreamed of losing her. No intimation of her illness had been given nor had I ever dreamed of her before. Much more has already come true that was related to this dream—but they are common to me—dreams coming true.

Who can doubt that spirits can print events on some people's brains before they transpire even living pictures of thought, or pictures that live rather, so many phenomena are daily taken place. It would seem little use to defraud or imitate spirit manifestations when the air is full of realities. Are we not coming nearer heaven. Let some SUNFLOWER writers give us a thought.

MARY J. SCOTT.

Possess yourself as much as you can in peace; not by any effort, but by letting all things fall to the ground which trouble or excite you. This is no work, but is, as it were, a setting down a fluid to settle that has become torbid through agitation.

STRANGE REVELATIONS.

ARTHUR F. MILTON,

The following was made known at a seance recently held under strictly private conditions—the truth of which may be questioned. But stranger things have been rejected and proved true, nevertheless. So this might have foundation and is worth considering as an interesting theory, if nothing else.

ARTHUR F. MILTON.

"Every heavenly body is an evolution of spirit and matter—the suns forming a nuclei for universal spirit to act on their respective planets for an intelligent effect—to direct, govern or rule according to needs of inhabitants, or the life thereon. But there are many planets that contain no life; many only vegetable; others only vegetable and animal life; while the minority and higher developed only possess of evolve human life in conjunction with the aforesaid. This latter fact is due to the percentage of spirit and matter in the composition of the planets. Where the former is in excess of the later it evolves human life—a small percentage bringing forth a lower order of human beings, while the larger the same, the higher and more developed the intelligent life thereon. Earth has twelve percent of spirit in excess of matter, consequently no human being can generate more than that amount without suffering—though many do but only relatively speaking, having a counteracting influence in matter in some other direction that holds them earth-bound. For example: A man who possesses a surplus of twenty per cent of inspirational force over the sensual may have ten per cent of selfish force left still unspiritualized, which would, absolutely speaking, leave him still two per cent of spirituality to develop before suffering begins. But spirit friends do not stop here. Rather than permit a loved one to pass over with eight per cent of materiality still unneutralized, they curb his inspiration and allow or tempt him to indulge the sensual, letting him down on one line, to enable him to rise on the other—of course aiding him in it—so as to perfect all lines, thus bringing him into harmony with the spirit world to which he is destined.

"Mercury and Venus, for example, have a smaller percentage of spirit in their composition than earth has, and therefore cannot reach up to earth in evolving human beings; while Mars has a little more and can over-reach yours. Jupiter and Saturn have still more, while Uranus and Neptune have a superior spirituality to either. But from a still further planet belonging to this system, the material life has outwrought itself, and is now inhabited by spiritual beings—its spirit world remaining intact.

"The first, or outermost planets, as a rule, have a greater energy of spirit cast off with them, than the last and are consequently superior. But there are suns that own planets which have fifteen and twenty per cent of spirit in excess of matter, and contain beings more spiritual than your earth-bound spirits. And again there are some planets that are too spiritual to value any kind of material life as it is known to you or understood by you—some being even too ethereal to be seen by material eyes or through telescopes. There are grades of matter even in solar systems, while there are suns in our universe that can only be seen by the spiritual eye—their planets being according etherealized.

But each sun constitutes a con-



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NO MORE AMENS IN CHURCH.

The last remnant of religious enthusiasm of what might be called the ejaculatory sort is about to be suppressed by the strong arm of the law.

The above clipping which was sent us by a friend without the name of the paper from which it was clipped, shows a decidedly peculiar situation.

The amens always seemed to localize and focalize according to our ideas of things and this last comfort and participation shuts the pew out entirely from the enjoyment of the masses.

With the amens cut out and the songs sung by a hired choir, it looks like simply hiring your worshipping done instead of doing it yourself.

Brass band and operatic singing have long been a part of the curriculum of the modern church.

are not deceived in what we know, there is no other way out of it. Truly the church is in a bad way.

Some day the back numbers who now attempt to rule the destinies of religion will wake up and will see something or else they will die and we will have a service that all can unite in.

STOLE THE SACRED BUNDLE.

PAWNEE, O. T., March 7.—When the Pawnee Indians were dancing near here several days ago, some unknown person stole the "sacred bundle" belonging to the tribe.

What a strange thing superstition is. We see it manifested in our surroundings each day and it has become so familiar that our mere familiarity breeds a contempt that we cannot realize in its fullest extent.

Here is a tribe of Indians who have lost their "sacred bundle." They revered that bundle as we would anything that was near and dear to our ideas.

We can see that it is utterly absurd to worship a "sacred bundle" that merely contained some relics of tribal experiences in the past.

Our church friends tell us that the Bible is handed down to us from time immemorial and that it contains God's will as to what man should do.

The "sacred bundle" of the American Indians contains relics of the acts of their ancestors.

Our bundle is only a relic of superstition and a drawing backward.

Of the two bundles, the Pawnee, without the mental development, and the Christian with his education, —well, we think the Pawnee the less an idolator.

SANKEY IS REPORTED BLIND.

The Associated Press reports that according to a letter received by Chas. C. Sankey, of Newcastle, Pa., a cousin of Ira D. Sankey, the famous evangelistic singer, and late partner of D. L. Moody, has gone totally blind as the result of sickness.

"God's ways are past finding out." Nothing in the world could be more true. Here is a man who has sung more people into religion than any other and it is a fact that people will care more for the songs of a famous singer than they will for the preaching of a famous preacher.

ed to spend the balance of his days in darkness.

We would like to know how it is possible to harmonize this with the idea that God rewards those who serve Him.

This line is a good deal like the Dutchman who helped to build a church. After it was built they wanted him to help to buy a lightning rod for it.

Poor Sankey! He worked for the best part of his life in serving "the Master," and it appears now that the Master does not appreciate it enough to not afflict him with blindness—the worst affliction that it is possible to inflict on an individual.

It will be remembered that Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Bliss, who also were evangelist singers and writers of the music that Mr. Sankey has helped to make so famous, the Gospel Hymns, were killed in the great "Ashtabula Horror," of some twenty-five years ago.

This may appear harsh, but we ask the attention of the reader to a few things: Do Christians have any easier time in any way than others?

They build churches and the wind blows them down, the lightning loves to strike the steeple, fire burns them as frequently as it does any other building.

We would be pleased to open the columns of THE SUNFLOWER for some Christian to attempt a rational explanation of these facts.

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SUNSET.

Slowly and silent the sun is now setting, Over the verdure clad hills far away; Silently, silently, slowly but sure, Gone now forever is another glad day.

Clouds are now crimson and purple and golden, As the sun in its glory sinks slowly to rest; Slowly, slowly yes, slowly and silently, Sinking to leave us to hope for the best.

How can an artist, no matter how noted, How can he dare such a task to begin As trying to paint with his colors so brilliant, A picture of sunset? Ah, 'tis a sin.

No artist now living, no matter how great, Can ever, no never, those clouds imitate; Just look at the softness of the heavenly blue, Do you think human hands such a wonder could do?

When'er you are tempted to do something wrong, Just look up to heaven and think of some song; But if you are troubled and care not to think,

Just read over this poem, and move from the brink. Flossie Griswold, Lily Dale, N. Y.

A DIVINE HUNGER FOR GROWTH.

Whenever you see a youth yearning for more education, for a fuller life; when you see him devoting every spare moment to acquiring information which can help him in his business or occupation, or enlarge his mental horizon;

Dunkirk, Allegheny Valley and Pittsburg R. R.

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LILY DALE NEWS.

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ISABEL B. BATES, COR. SEC.

A meeting of the citizens was called at Library Hall, March 16th to make the arrangements for an Anniversary celebration. There was a good turnout which shows that all are interested in the movement. Mr. S. J. Richardson was selected as chairman of the meeting. Arrangements were made for a Sunday service, March 29th, and a committee consisting of S. J. Richardson, Mrs. Maggie Turner and Evie P. Bach was selected to complete the arrangements for Sunday they will engage a speaker and set that music and the other requirements are provided. There is to be a midnight dance Friday evening, the 27th. A. C. White, E. L. Griswold and N. Lutgen were appointed as dance committee. T. J. Skidmore has gone to Washington on a business trip. Mrs. Julius Paine spent several days visiting her sister at Dunkirk.

Mrs. Jennie Allen has been occupying her cottage for a few days and entertaining friends.

Alfred Winchester and wife have returned.

Mrs. Rhodes Douglass, who was one of the students of the Training School last year, at the Dale, has returned from California where she spent the winter, and is now with her parents at Haverhill, Mass. She was pleased to meet Mrs. Pettingill in California and speaks highly of the many little acts of kindness and words of advice received from her. Mrs. Douglass hopes to visit Lily Dale again this summer and bring her parents with her, who by the way wish to locate somewhere out in this part of the state.

Mrs. S. J. Richardson has gone to Wellsville and vicinity for a three or four week's visit.

BUFFALO NEWS.

N. H. EDDY, Special Correspondent.

Mrs. Jeanne Lacy Chambers, a niece of Mrs. Addie Gage stopping at the Cornell House, 1200 Main St., with Mrs. Gage, passed very suddenly to spirit life Thursday morning, March 12th, about 1 a. m. Mrs. Chambers has been suffering somewhat from bright's disease, but was apparently about the same as usual and able to be about and attending the meetings at the Temple Sunday the 8th, and was invited to attend the Wednesday evening service but at six p. m. having a slight touch of headache, she decided to remain at home. Later in the evening she was taken worse and continued so until she expired. Mrs. Chambers leaves two children to mourn her loss of a mother's care. Her father was formerly a resident of Buffalo. Mrs. Chambers was a visitor at Lily Dale while in the form and no doubt now she will be there in spirit during the coming season. Funeral service was held at the Cornell House, Sunday, 3 p. m. March 15th. Rev. Victor Wyldes officiating, assisted by Mrs. Nellie Mosher.

Sunday morning, March 15th the interest in behalf of the ability to prove the continuity of life and bear evidence to the truths of Spiritualism, was manifested very perceptibly, by the attendance being increased two-fold. The audience listened with marked attention to the clear and accurate descriptions given through her clairvoyant sight. In the evening nearly every seat was taken, by educated and intellectual people seeking with earnest and interested expression eager to gain a word of comfort from those who had passed away to the spirit side of life. Much credit and praise was due Mrs. Mosher for her very efficient efforts in behalf of both mortal and spirit in giving the clairvoyant descriptions and spirit tests. Names, places and events and subjects revealed to her by and through psychic powers that nature has endowed her with. Mrs. Mosher portrays a great deal of soul-force and psychic power in her work; also shows a calm, deliberate manner coupled with a good deal of sincerity

of purpose in giving her descriptions and tests readings, all of which were very accurate. Mrs. Mosher has a pleasing address and interest all who are privileged to hear her.

Mr. E. J. Chase, 241 East Eagle St., reports good attendance at their Sunday and week-day meetings; also that much interest is manifested by the attendants at these meetings, to gain a knowledge of the truths of Spiritualism and to get a word of cheer from those who have passed on to realms of spirit, but through the psychic laws of nature and the channel of mediumship can return and prove the continuity of life beyond this mortal sphere of existence.

Mr. Winans, materializing medium, is located at 295 Richmond Ave., and holds seances Monday, Thursday and Saturday evenings. Your correspondent has heard these who attended his seances in Buffalo speak very complimentary in regard to the manifestations presented.

A large audience greeted Mrs. Mosher Wednesday evening at the Temple and after the singing and the reading of an original poem by the medium there were given through Mrs. Mosher's mediumship many and descriptions relative to spirit and mortal life conclusive evidence was given by the intelligences portrayed to members in the audience regarding the continuity of life beyond this sphere of existence. Some of the spirits coming to their friends, acknowledged that they made a mistake, while in earth life, by not finding out more than they did in regard to the truths of spirit return but acknowledged their willingness to do whatever they could now from the spirit side to help in establishing this truth.

Dr. F. O. Matthews pastor of the Christian Spiritualists Society that holds meetings in their church on Allen street, was called to East Aurora, N. Y. a short time to hold meetings in the interest of that society. Dr. Matthews reports much interest manifested in the meetings; also that his services were called for to give private readings and he remained a short time to serve the people in that line of mediumship.

At the request of the officers of the society there he has made another appointment with them for the near future. Dr. Matthews' work in Buffalo is progressing with interest and those attending his meetings have told me that excellent tests were given at his meetings Sunday evenings through his mediumship.

Frank E. Hulbert, brother of Chas. E. Hulbert, who is President of Harmony circle, met with an accident on the railroad by which he lost his mortal life. The funeral services were held at the house of his mother on Morgan Street, last Thursday Mr. J. W. Dennis officiating. He spoke very earnestly in behalf of the knowledge regarding spirit life and the teachings of Spiritualism and the benefit it brought to those who had passed the border line from mortal sphere to spirit sphere.

Words of consolation were given to the parents and relatives. The brother, C. S. Hulbert, made a few remarks also under the inspiration of his guides gave a beautiful poem which embodied much cheer and consolation, to the parents and those present who were interested in the deceased. A nice flower tribute of roses and beautiful flowers were placed at the head of the coffin.

The mother is a great medium and a worker in the cause of truth. Mrs. Hulbert has done much both of herself and through her guides towards contributing the knowledge also in alienating the sufferings of humanity.

Mr. C. E. Winans, than whom there is no more genial and modest psychic and physical medium before the public today, is now in Buffalo, and a select party of ladies and gentlemen had the pleasure of witnessing some marvelous materializations through his instrumentality at the home of Mrs. M. Mayer, 294 Richmond Ave. Mr. Winans, at this, his initial seance, insisted on being placed under the severest test conditions and in compliance with his wish a committee of three gentlemen was selected by the sitters, two of the committee were leading physicians.

A small atne-room was used as a cabinet. This was carefully and thoroughly examined by the committee and then the doors and windows carefully sealed up. One of the ladies was requested to sew Mr. Winans' clothes together and tie him to his chair in such a manner that it was impossible for him to move hand or foot or rise from a

sitting position. His hands were filled with rolled oats as an additional precaution, then with an unusually strong light in the room, manifestations were produced. Many forms appeared and unhesitatingly walked about the sitting room, shook hands with the sitters and were readily recognized by friends and introduced to the rest of us. Two and three forms appearing at a time; several forms appearing at one time.

Others came from the floor and dematerialized four or five feet from the cabinet. The cabinet guide, Jim Bunnell wove from the ladies' handkerchiefs many yards of beautiful lace as delicate as the filmy fancies of a dream. Ancient spirits appeared clothed in transcendently beautiful draperies, illuminated with ethereal lights and the mystic insigns of the psychic orders of the orient; Astonished, and delighted we pronounced the seance the most marvelous we had ever attended.

We understand that Mr. Winans has consented to give a series of manifestations at Mrs. M. Mayer's home Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays have been selected as the most convenient.

JIM.

Transition of Thomas G. Newman.

Just as we are closing the last form we are informed that Thomas G. Newman, for many years connected with the *Philosophical Journal*, has passed to spirit life from the effects of la grippe. He has been ailing for some time. We will notice more fully in our next issue.

OBITUARY.

FRANK HULBERT

A medium and a son of Mrs. Carrie Hulbert, a clairvoyant medium, left earth life on March 10th. The funeral was held at the home of the parents on Morgan St., Buffalo, N. Y. Rev. J. W. Dennis officiating.

It is for me to again so soon, note through the SUNFLOWER, the passing away of two more of the pioneer workers in Spiritualism, and their long-identified work with the Lily Dale movement. Mrs. David Ramsdell passed to spirit life February 14th, at the home of her son at Dunkirk. I have not her exact age, but she was some part of 80 years. In the earliest years of the Camp Mrs. Ramsdell with her husband, who preceded her to the higher life, was one of the leading workers in everything pertaining thereto and her interest ever continued, only advancing years and the infirmities of age perverting further effort. She was a woman good and true and beloved by all who knew her.

I was called upon to speak at the funeral service but could not respond having another funeral for that date. I regretted my inability to be present on that occasion for Mrs. Ramsdell was one of the very first Spiritualists with whom I formed acquaintance in the earlier stages of my investigation of Spiritualism.

The body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Laona, at which place she formerly resided.

MRS. CALPHURNIA STRAIGHT, Neice (I think) and namesake of Mrs. Ramsdell, entered into her home at Laona, March 5th, just three weeks from the departure of her aunt.

Mrs. Straight's age was 66 years and a few months. She too with her husband who completed his earth-work three and a half years ago, was among the early workers at camp Cassadaga, the Straight-Ramsdell cottage being one of the very first ones erected on the grounds.

She was a fine medium in the years of her womanly strength and activity doing some public speaking and much work in the line of private sittings.

She was many years a sufferer from a complication of ailments but her clairvoyant powers were preserved through it all; her mind was clear to the last and she spoke to those about her of the presence of the dear ones in spirit that had come to give her glad greeting to the new life, and passed away rejoicing in the triumph of the principles of Spiritualism. She was esteemed for her many sterling qualities of character.

The writer officiated at the memorial services held at the home and the earthly form was deposited beside that of her husband in the Laona cemetery.

CLARA WATSON, Jamestown, N. Y.

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Rise above it and advance
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You're a king and can create
For yourself your own estate;
You are master of your fate;
You are free.

All of this is ancient lore,
Often has been said before,
But I'll tell it o'er and o'er,
Sing it to the heart of youth.
Howsoever long 'tis told,
'Tis a lesson never old,
For it bears a thread of gold—
It is truth.

Rise above the petty things
That would bind your spirit wings;
Hear the inner voice that sings
Sings of beauty all the while
Drive the demon of despair
From your heart; and, free and fair,
From your heart; and, free and fair,
Meet the broods of grief and care
With a smile.

Circumstances make us not;
Life is substance to be wrought
In the workshop of your thought;
We can mould it as we will.
All the hardships that affright,
If we brave them take their flight,
They are tests to try our might
And our skill.

Be not buffeted about
By the things that lie without;
Be not ruled by fear and doubt;
Dare to worship toward the dawn;
Dare believe in truth and right,
Dare to seek the higher light;
And the wisdom infinite
Follow on.

Spite of calumny and threat,
Dare to have a purpose set.
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It only depends upon the degree of concentration which he is able to attain, whether or not he will feel any pain.

Some may develop power over the body to such a degree, that they have perfect control over their feelings and sensations.

I don't advocate the mortifying of the body by physical torture, but I do advocate the control of the passions by will power, backed by common sense.

LEWIS R. HILLIER.

SOUL BEAUTY.

The true beauty is not in the physical body; but in the soul. Physical beauty is attractive to man, this is a natural law.

The beautiful plumage of the male bird, calls forth the admiration of the female bird. So does the beauty of woman excite the admiration of man.

There is a greater beauty than mere physical attractiveness, and this is the beauty of the soul. It is the force which is felt but not seen. It enfolds its possessor like a halo, and sheds its beams over all who are associated with the person.

We need no psychometric power

to sense the soul beauty that radiates from certain individuals.

Physical beauty may be lacking, but soul beauty more than compensates for this. A person may possess great physical beauty, yet be corrupted in morals. The thought, in time, will stamp their real seal upon the face; and the physical beauty that is not a reflection of soul beauty, will fade and disappear.

The individual who has true soul beauty, may suffer and grow old; but the charm of personality remains. Yes, it is strengthened as the years roll on.

A man who possesses true soul beauty, devoid of cant and simpering foppiness; he was a man of true beauty he was as a mighty pillar in the temple of liberty; supporting on his shoulders the burdens of the people.

In an interesting reminiscence of Abraham Lincoln, Thomas W. Lloyd essays:

"As he rose in his chair to greet us I remember thinking he was the longest, ugliest and most ungainly man I had ever seen. When I was presented to him he leaned down, and, taking me by the hand said: 'So this is the little patriot. Ah, Mr. Lloyd, in these times the boy is indeed father to the man, I wish all the men in the North had his spirit.'

"As he took me on his knee and talked to me of the war, all the ugliness was forgotten, and as I looked into his face and saw the deep-set, kindly eye, the firm mouth, about which a smile hovered, and listened to his gentle voice, I began to think he was positively handsome. As I look back upon the scene, it brings many tender memories of the man, who, amid all the cares and burdens of his position and with the fate of a mighty nation weighing upon his heart, could find time enough to say a few kind words to a little child."

LEWIS R. HILLIER.

ARE WE DOING OUR BEST?

We are marching on at a rapid rate of speed. Do we ever stop to think what influences we are leaving behind? Is it good or bad? Or are we careless and indifferent? Do we love each other as we ought? or are we selfish and unkind? Do we seek to speak pleasant words to those we come in contact with? or do we study to say something to cut them up the most?

Jesus said, "How can ye love God whom ye have not seen, and hate your own brother whom ye have seen." How often do we see families meet around the table at morning, noon or night, and not word of kindness is spoken.

Let the one who does the cooking place love thoughts in the food, and send out a prayer that whatever she is preparing will fill the persons that partake of it with love, let the one who prepares the sleeping apartments think thoughts of love, and pray that the one that occupies that room may be filled with love and see what a change you can bring about, when you are making or mending a garment put thoughts of love in it, and see what a change you can bring about.

If you have a son or daughter that are wayward go to them in the still hours of the night and when they are fast asleep, say to them that they want to become better they must forsake the evil companions as they cannot benefit themselves and they desire to become a shining light in society; not once but many times and the effect will be magical.

Try your thought force; you little know what good you can do. Do not allow one doubt to creep in. I do not believe there ever has been one individual born that there is not some good in, if we look for it.

And now let us join hands for the uplifting of humanity and each one fill their special place and we will be more harmonious than ever before.

I am yours in the truth,
MRS. ADDIE COOPER.

In truth that falsehood cannot span,
In the majestic march of laws
That weed and flower and worm and man

Result from one Supernal Cause,
In doubt that dare and faiths that cleave,

Lord, I believe.

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MATERIAL AND SPIRITUAL EVOLUTION.

The Modern Conception of God According to Spiritual Philosophy.

J. P. COOKE.

When a shallow agnosticism becomes prevalent there is always danger of the sincere but partial views of truth going down in the general overthrow of the popular belief. This happens partly for the reason that people have been taught that the Reality itself was inseparably bound up with, if not quite involved in the forms of thought of the accepted teachers or tradition. Now the teachings, even at their best, have been only the temporary clothing and expression of such thought.

It is true today, that, even among Spiritualists, the havoc wrought in this way, leaves thousands of good men and women, practically, orphaned of God—and "without hope in the world."

In a sermon on "Unitarianism," the Rev. Dr. Savage has something to say of this conception or *Misconception*: Now for Mr. Savage, I have a very high esteem, both as a man and a teacher. A thinker of strength and clearness, whose personal weight is always thrown on the Right—or Ethical side. He knows a good deal about Phenomenal Spiritualism, although I should doubt his acquaintance with the "Harmonical Philosophy." He says in this sermon:

"The old conception of an *extramundane* being, living in a definite place called heaven, arbitrarily ruling the world, as a despot rules his empire,—this thought has hopelessly passed away from the minds of those people who know how and who dare to think. And, as they have been taught that this is the God of the Bible, of an infallible revelation, and that, if this be not true, there is no sufficient reason for believing in God at all, it is not, perhaps, so very strange if the teachers have been taken at their word; and many have come to feel that the position of the agnostic is the only rational one."

I am no Bible worshipper, but if this being above nature, at the cove of the cosmos—in the Central Eternity of Being is really taught and intelligently expounded in the Bible, I must admit that I have never been able to find it there. To say that "Light is God" is not enough. To say that and no more, does not bring the fact clearly to the mind. And yet there is a "Soul of all Souls" at the cove of the universe.

It is a Spiritual Sun, whose expansion or breathing from his inner sphere, draws the rays of the Inner Life of all created Being, that is the rays of the outer, hollow sphere of light to itself, and momentarily holding these rays with his inner life vivifies all from the center of Life and Being. This is the Light of Life, which is bringing created minds forward and into rapport with his own mind. Light is the Body or Element of this Great Spirit. There is no light but of the Spirit.

With due respect for the space of this journal, but with, as I hope, sufficient clearness, let me proceed to show this fact and illustrate it.

"So let us justify the faith of reason and spirituality by scanning the fields of well-grounded knowledge. Consider the forces of gravitation, cohesion, and chemical affinity as the basic manifestations of THE POWER. Matter is brought together by gravitation simply as loose particles. Chemical affinity is the next higher power, as conditioned upon gravitation and cohesion. We here have the three great forces of organic matter in their order as lower and higher, each one of them being the basis of some form of physical science. Gravitation gives us astronomy, with the laws of falling bodies; cohesion gives us crystallography and portions of mechanics; and chemical affinity gives us the great science of chemistry. These laws are sufficient to themselves. They would produce a permanent world and system of worlds; but these would be useless except as a condition for a higher order. In crystallization and in crystals, through definite form, we find the lowest point of transition from inorganic to organic matter. Special mystery is supposed to be attached to the force that gives us organisms; but I do not see that it is more mysterious than that which gives us crystals. Indeed, the whole mystery

is given in every form of force,— apparently impersonal—whether it can be expressed in mathematical formulae or not,—if it works so uniformly as to give what we call a law and to seem a necessity, yet it works in the interest of ends beyond itself and runs up into spheres of which, if it be regarded as impersonal, it can know nothing. So these laws work and are to be regarded as the condition of the manifestation and force which is next above them. This is vegetable life. These laws being given, and working upon suitable materials, we have the condition on which the cause of vegetable life can work. Without them this lower form of life could not be.

"Again, having vegetable life given mediating as it does between inorganic nature and animal life, by converting inorganic matter into food by the vital processes, we have the conditions on which animal life could be produced and maintained. This gives us animal life. Rational and spiritual life remain as still higher creations. So far we have a series of forces; namely, gravitation, cohesion, chemical affinity, vegetable life and man. In this higher life we see the upward and onward steps of creation, taking with it all that was below and adding something at every step. Every particle that coheres also gravitates, and so on up to man, in whom we find a life that is merely animal, and also that higher, rational, moral and spiritual life which is peculiar to himself. Everything is carried up, and then something is added. It is not developed from what is below, or caused by it, but *added* to it till man is reached at the top. "All things are held by the law of attraction," says Jesus, "and the attraction is God, that begets all things by the blending of essences which he extracts from others formations. Thus blending, all things become new; yet nothing is taken from, nothing is added to the great almighty whole." Let us ponder these deep thoughts. It may help us if we now conceive of the universal as a Being whose center is absolutely pure light; that is, pure conscious substance or spirit. Spirit is pure conscious substance. It has no composition of parts, is indestructible, and therefore eternal. This Being's life goes forward to the confines of immensity, and thence, returning through its creative path, animates the so-called forces of nature, or grades of materiality, assumes the various created forms, and is the inner life of all creatures."

[The substance of this Rationale of Nature was clearly shown by President Mark Hopkins, some time of Williams College. He was a lucid thinker and a most helpful teacher.]

Every aspirational,—i. e. *Human*, creature who has been begotten in sufficiently spiritual or interior conditions of life will strive onward and upward to its native home in the Divine light, when its proper share of work for humanity is affected.

The *only* Real Light is the Divine Living Spirit. The Spirit on High, the Cove of the Cosmos, which becomes through creations the subjective or Inner Life of the creatures. THE SOLAR PLEXUS is the organ of this Inner Force. The brain and spinal column are developed from the central life above and the creative or reproductive system, are developed below this central organ.

We find the analogue of this in the entire vegetable world. The plant draws sustenance and life from the two worlds, the world of darkness and the world of light. And possibly in this stage, as much from one as from the other.

The finite, creature man, takes on bodies of various grades of materiality, according to its degree of organic quality; until such bodies can be shed and the infinitely ethereal substance of the Innere Life is drawn back to the divine, parent bosom, through aspiration and inner unfolding or development, by the free acceptance of heavenly—or Ethical Law.

As Theodore Parker inspired the words through dear Lizzie Doten:

"Yes, I am nearer Thee! for flesh and sense
Have been exchanged for an eternal youth;
My spirit hath been born anew, and hence
I worship Thee, in spirit and in truth."

"Yes, I am nearer Thee! Though still unseen,
Thy presence fills my life's diviner part.

Now that on earthly shadows intervene,
I feel a deeper sense of what thou art.

Yes, I am nearer Thee! Thy boundless love
Fills all my being with a rich increase,
And soft descending, like a heavenly dove,
I feel the benediction of Thy peace.

Yes, I am nearer Thee! All that I sought
Of truth, or Wisdom, or Eternal Right,
Is clearly present to my inmost thought,
Like the uprising of a glorious light.

Yes, I am nearer Thee! O, calm and still,
And beautiful and blest beyond degree,
Is this surrender of my finite will—
Is this absorption of my soul in Thee.

"O Thou, whom men call God, and know no more!"
When shall they leave the worship of the past,
And learn to love Thee rather than adore,
All souls shall draw us nearer Thee at last."
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Jews of Palestine.

The Jews of Palestine are entirely descended from Jews who returned to that land from Europe. Most of them speak a corrupt form of the German language.

Egyptian Papyrus.

The first paper, made from the papyrus plant by the Egyptians, was not what we understand by the term paper. It was made of the inner bark of the plant and prepared and polished by a peculiar process. It was not until the ninth or tenth century that the use of paper, probably so called, was introduced into Europe.

Philippine Snakes.

Above the length of nineteen or twenty feet snakes in the Philippine Islands increase greatly in bulk for every foot in length, so that a snake nineteen feet long looks small beside one twenty-two feet long.

Sea Birds Act as Fog Signals.

The cries of sea birds, especially sea gulls, are very valuable as fog signals. The birds cluster together on the cliffs and coast, and their cries warn boatmen that they are near land. Some years ago in the Isle of Man there was a fine for shooting such birds.

A Golden Lily.

The broken and distorted foot of a Chinese lady is called a "golden lily" by Chinese admirers of such distortions.

Sheridan's Answer.

Sheridan, scholar, wit and spendthrift, being dunned by a tailor to pay at least the interest on his bill, answered that it was not his interest to pay the principal nor his principle to pay the interest.

Fined For Not Going to Church.

To such an extent does religion prevail at Gonootoa, in the south seas, that every man, woman and child on that island who does not go to church at least three times a week is liable to be arrested and fined, the fine going to the king.

Whalebone.

Whalebone may be easily cut if it be laid for a few minutes in hot water.

Memorizing.

To economize time in memorizing a poem it should be read as a whole—that is, entirely through each time. Tests made in psychological laboratories show that to memorize one verse at a time takes one-fourth longer.

Tissue Paper.

The flimsy paper called tissue paper was originally made to place between tissue, cloth of gold or silver, to prevent its fraying or tarnishing when folded.

Ancient Manuscripts.

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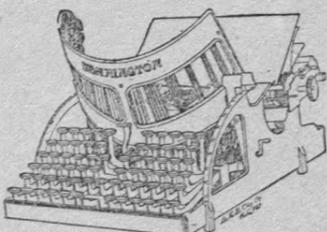
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CATALEPSY.

"Catalepsy belongs to the domain of hypnotism." It is a condition in which all the muscles of the body are firmly contracted, and the subject's body becomes so stiff and rigid, that it may be placed between two chairs; shoulders resting on one chair and feet resting on another.

Heavy weights may be placed on the subject's body, while in this state, and he will support them with ease. This practice of placing heavy weights on a subject's body is highly dangerous, and should not be tolerated.

To produce the cataleptic state, a healthy subject with good muscular development, should be selected. The subject must be susceptible to suggestion, and must have been frequently influenced before, to give the best results.

Have subject stand up straight, heels together, and hands hanging at sides. Tell him to grasp his clothing firmly. Then tell him to close his eyes and listen to what you have to say. Now you should say: "I am about to make your body stiff as an iron bar." Now make several brisk passes down his back, pressing your hands against his clothing.

Next suggest: "Your body is getting stiff—stiff as a bar of iron. Then quickly add, in a very forcible manner: "Rigid! Rigid!"

If you have proceeded according to instructions, the subject should now be in the cataleptic state, and you can suspend his body between two chairs as described.

Look carefully to see that the chairs are in proper position and strong enough to sustain the subject. Guard carefully against danger of subject falling.

Many sensational hypnotists cause heavy stones to be broken on a subject's body; but this is exceedingly dangerous, and should be avoided. I have heard of at least one death that came of this foolish practice.

To bring the subject from the cataleptic state, take him from the supports, stand him firmly on his feet, being careful to prevent him from falling and then suggest that his muscles are losing their stiffness and returning to their normal state.

While suggesting thus, give light taps on different parts of the body where the muscular contraction is liable to be greatest.

Loosen first the muscles of the knees, then the thighs, ribs, arms and finally the neck, which should be rubbed and the head rotated a few times.

When sure that all stiffness has departed, awaken the subject by suggesting: "Wake up! Wide awake! Wide awake!"

When the subject wakes up, ask him if he feels all right. If he says yes, and walks to his seat, you may consider the experiment successfully accomplished.

If subject should say that some stiffness still remains, you will simply pat the place and affirm that it is all right. AND HE WILL BE ALL RIGHT.

PARAGRAPHS FROM NOTED HYPNOTISTS.

A person who is easily hypnotized can be hypnotized by anyone; but one who is hypnotized with difficulty can only be thrown into hypnosis by a good and experienced operator—Dr. Albert Moll.

It is impossible for a person to simulate a deep hypnotic trance. I have seen it attempted many times. In one instance an actress of no mean ability made the attempt, at my request, to do this, after seeing a number of persons deeply hypnotized. In her room she studied the conditions and tried it some half-dozen times in my presence, but

while her face was a complete blank; while she succeeded in relaxing every muscle, her features would show by every movement that she perceived sudden noises, pin-pricks, etc.—Dr. James Cocke.

There are operators who maintain that everybody is hypnotizable if only the attempt is continued long enough. Without declaring this view to be false, I may remark that I have made forty or more attempts with some persons without obtaining hypnosis. Perhaps by even longer continued efforts a result would have been attained, as indeed has happened to me many times, after forty vain attempts.—Dr. A. Moll.

Remember we cannot always produce hypnosis, especially a deep sleep, at our first effort, but this should not discourage us, for we can by repeated, earnest effort, influence everybody that desires our services—no exceptions—and we can eventually produce a condition of deep sleep in nearly everybody.—Dr. Geo. C. Pitzer.

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POINTS FOR THE STUDENTS.

Do not be disappointed if you fail to hypnotize a subject. Guard carefully against failure, but if it comes, just try again. To become successful in hypnotic work, a person must have pluck and perseverance. The best of hypnotists have some failures.

Try to hypnotize those whom you think you can influence. Each time you succeed, you gain in self-confidence.

Sometimes a person will deny having been under your influence. With experience you will be able to detect the simulated from the genuine phenomena.

To get the best results give your subject but one suggestion at a time; being careful to remove the preceding suggestion before giving another.

Suggestion is powerful or not, according to the tone of voice in which it is delivered. Be positive in suggesting anything. If a suggestion appears to fail in controlling a subject repeat it several times if necessary.

I would advise students to first hypnotize their subjects in the presence of a few people. After becoming more experienced, and the subject becomes fully developed, you may then hypnotize before a larger audience.

BOOK REVIEWS.

DR. GEORGE F. FOOTE, ON MENTAL HEALING.—Price 25c. Purdy Pub. Co., McVickers Theatre Building, 78-84 Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

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There are some good thoughts on Mental Healing and the author has given some historical facts that are highly interesting.

FLESH EATING A FASHION.—by Mrs. C. Leigh Hunt Wallace, Price 5c. Purdy Pub. Co., McVicker's Theatre Building, Chicago, Ill.

This is an eight-page folder, and is interesting to vegetarians.

ERRATA.

In my article last week, on the Salesman, there is a slight mistake which should be corrected. In the fourth paragraph, second line, it should read: "If people who are of a passive temperament, would not concentrate," instead of, "would but concentrate."

THE HYPNOTIC BALL.

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A Dissertation on Late Religious Ideas.

THE STRONGEST PREDISPOSITION OF MIND.

secured by early education is religious prejudice. Life is intensified sectarian zeal is very liable to the practice of injustice. This is the hindrance to Christendom to deal impartially with American history.

Why is the discovery of this continent by that modern Genoese and his humble company less wonderful than the work of Israel's leader? Studied by the grand accomplishment of the Columbian Exposition and greater light of Twentieth Century progress, the Hebrew "pillar of cloud" was a rush light compared with the wider spread of the electric effulgence of American genius, intelligence and success.

Was Jehovah in that? The great spirit of transformation is in this more. Was it progress then—"Speak to the people then that they go forward?"

When the desponding Columbian band would return, the direction of their interpid, humble leader was: "Sail on! sail on!"

They did sail on until the discovery of the grandest continent of earth rewarded their glad, open vision. Was not God in this? Was Jehovah less with Columbus than with Moses? Who is possessed of supremacy to say God was in it; only science and man in this? Have a care less logic so lame leave the easy conclusion—the modern discoverer is greater than Miriam's "Man of War."

Since then the natural impulse is "Excelsior." Progress by American intelligence and genius has gained rewarded and extended impetus. "Sail on, sail on," is the broadening spirit. Forward, on and on the accelerated trend of humanitarian activities. The transforming power in history is not less but greater. If this is not true, then progress is an empty dream. Freedom and discipline are the two great powers which go hand in hand. But discipline without freedom fosters intolerance, against which intelligence condemns. "The liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

America is a land of infinite possibilities. Education is the Nation's life—vital force. Our teachers should cease the attempt to galvanize into longer life contradictions of the distant past and Americanize religion for the people—more rational not less serviceable than the spirit of American emancipation. All religious teachers should quit denominationalism and try broad, true Christian intelligence and progressive freedom. "For the maintenance of these rights," an expression of integrity and faith than which there is none higher. There is no religion higher than truth.

NO CHRISTIAN PLEDGES MORE THAN LIFE

fortune and his higher honor. American youth should be educated less in sectarianism and more, much more in patriotism—love of country and the vital importance of correct education among the people.

Superstition is a barrier to progress and unworthy exalted manhood. One hundred years of American history contains phenomenal facts of progress and prosperity despite obstructive influences fully as wonderful as anything in Hebrew history, yet with what unctious pride our clergy continue the changes on the wonders of the distant past, dead to all present interests years ago.

Within even thirty years we possess facts more wonderful than anything in 5,000 years of Jewish history. What event recorded in National annals is possessed of half the value as the emancipation of four millions of work slaves by our own beloved, American Lincoln—a greater man than the greatest representative in all Hebrew history. America very many times more extended, finer, cleaner, grander in beauty and productiveness than dirty, contracted Palestine and the whole Jewry. Our Government, the power of our institutions for the promotion of social equality, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, most exalting and superior to any the world ever possessed.

How long, oh, Lord, how long shall educated superstition continue to

be exalted by the "sacred" past at the expense of America's good-will and Heaven-blessed institutions? Thunders of justice awake Rip Van Winkles of the pulpit to their greater duties of the hour.

By the spirit of progress and logic of history orthodoxy is admonished to rise from the dust of useless tradition. Let past exclusiveness, threatening revenges and hates inculcated by religious bigotry remain buried beneath the later, better life. Their wars, revenges and cursings show the wickedness of the nighttime of the world. Are they made better by mixing the modern methods and worship with the dead debris? Oh, cease, adulteration so unseemly and valueless! The past is not more the chosen of heaven than is the present. American history is truer, cleaner, the genius of our institutions superior. Superstitious veneration is admonished by the spirit which prompted our Magna Charta to cease forever attempting to blend the better truths of present progress with the deadening errors and dogmas of far-away past. Because the truly liberal deviseth liberal things and IN THESE DAYS OF GENERAL JUDGMENT.

indicates entrance on a new epoch for high reform—questions of vast importance pressing for answer. What with the prevalence of liberal criticism, creeds falling to pieces, the pope showing active interest in Republicanism—especially the American status of equality—free education and increased concern for Christian unity gives emphasis to the idea of agitation as a necessity for the continuity of social and religious life, broader, more hopeful views of human sympathy and extended liberty as essential factors in amelioration.

Belief, largely a matter of education, is susceptible of extended cultivation. The American Republic is passing into a higher ideal—a truer reflex of the spirit of the grandest chart ever possessed. The religion conservative of the best progress is free—free from the cant of "Honor the King." The honest American cannot mean it. It does not accord with the spirit of a Republic. To respond to such semitic Oriental flipperly is simply mockery.

The freedom conferred by the Gallean gospel should not be less than that of a Republic. The citizen possessed of this spirit has creed sufficient. His mind in peace finds little use for machine-made theology flitting through iron-clad creeds long drawn out and interminable confessions, because he lives truer in touch with the simplicity of a Republic free from the shams and tinsel glamor of any kingly rule.

WE CHANGE BY PERPETUATING MONARCHICAL IDEAS

in the guise of religion our clergy are wasting opportunity and missing better power for good. The true life is not attainable so long as we use language which does not express truth impartially. The education which influences idea derogatory to the greatest good is a barrier to the progress of liberty. Hence we say not only the spirit but the frequent use of monarchical vernacular is out of course and inconsistent with the genius of American institutions. However, these terms of kingship and sovereignty may have served to illustrate the higher spiritual life when the education of the people was of this character. Such use serves the purpose poorly to a people educated in the practical of republican ideas. Indeed such illustration was never true. Oh, reform the habit altogether! To convey spiritual thought correctly it fails absolutely. You ought to know the succession of the best of kings is a long line of sinful luxury, lustful indulgence, tumult, bloodshed and wars concluding in greater oppression of the people.

A MATERIAL BARRIER TO EFFECTIVE UNITY.

Is contained within our text books and the insistence on dogma antagonistic to spirit of American institutions. How servile the soul that responds to the repeated injunction: "Honor the King." Such formula is insincere, despicable hypocrisy, and cannot prove exalting to manhood. Since the raps heard around the world the spirit of insubordination to priestly authority and kingly rule is the same that prompted American emancipation continues to defend and perpetuate our institutions in purity and the broadest interpretation.

Americans are readers and becoming thinkers. Go through our industrial works at noontide. Every worker while lunching is poring

over the live newspapers. How grand the sight—thousands at this hour thus engaged. Note in this evidence of industrial progress. Yet not only a few years ago vassalage woman and Southern slavery were justified by living divines, with the Bible. Bishop Hopkins, published a book logically proving chattel slavery a religious institution. The church South defended slavery and opposed emancipation by the "Sacred Scriptures." Who of all these titled gentlemen is possessed of the hardihood to do so now? Having renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, but by manifestation of Truth, commend ourselves to every man's conscience.

It must be so. To this complexion must ecclesiasts come or perish amid the flesh pots of an effete Judaism. The sooner they accept the living issue and lead the procession of interminable progression the better the grace and greater the gain.

ADVANCE LITERARY NOTICE.

The Abby Press, of 114 Fifth Avenue, New York City, has just issued a story, and a dramatic version of the same, under the title of "The Reward of Filial Piety," by M. De Cantillon. It was written for the Palmetto Club of Datona, and successfully performed in public by the members. The author's earliest introduction to things Chinese was somewhat alarming. Walking through a crowded street, snapping a pair of scissors, the queue of a Celestial suddenly came in the way and was nearly severed. The nurse, thereupon, hurried the child home, telling harrowing tales of the vengeance the Chinaman would wreak on the one who had desecrated his sacred pigtail.

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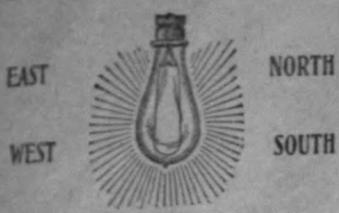
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Massilon, O. The church of Spirit communion, was duly organized here Sunday morning, March 8th, duly chartered from the State Association of Ohio as a religious association. The following are the officers: Mathew Miller, Pres.; Ellen Braney, Vice-President; Thomas Burd, Sec'y; M. J. Squire, Treas.; Trustees: A. Kennedy, Fred Gumff, Mrs. Earl; and a ladies' committee for social entertainment. The charter bears the names of 56 of the best Spiritualists in the city with a prospect of a flourishing society. Rev. Marguerite St. Omer Briggs delivered an able address followed by spirit messages and psychic readings. J. W. Briggs, Ph. D. pleased the audience with an address on the needs of organization, local, state and National, setting forth their necessity. We have secured the services of Rev. St. Omer Briggs for the next six months as pastor. The Opera House has been secured and services will be held there. Trusting we may be able to fill it. Yours in Truth, Unity.

Dr. B. F. Austin, of Toronto, Can., is serving the First Spiritualist Church of Baltimore, Md., for the month of March. 3 p. m. Sunday, March 1st, he lectured to a fair audience on "How to Unfold the Soul Powers." It was a masterly effort and was well received by the audience. The Doctor's introductory lecture left a good impression on his hearers. 8 p. m. was devoted to telling a packed house why he left the Methodist ministry after having served it 36 years. The Doctor has made many friends so far. Whilst here he will form classes for instruction in mental science and kindred subjects. Dr. N. S. Ravlin is still in our city and I am informed that the First Church will try to secure him next year as a permanent pastor. That to my mind is a step in the expect to prosper if it is continually changing speakers. Dr. Ravlin, will no doubt, do all in his power to build the society and put it in good shape. Fraternally yours, D. Feast, correspondent.

The first Spiritual Church, north end of Niagara Falls, is holding services every Sunday afternoon and evening, with manifestation of interest, 8 new members being received. The services are under the supervision of Mrs. Atchison who has been untiring in her efforts for the Cause she represents. Her lectures are interesting and instructive, progressive and spiritual; her subject last Sunday evening being, The Power of thought. Ellen M. Oman, Mr. and Mrs. F. Corbett White are now at Conneaut, Ohio where they remain until the last of the Month. They will stop a few days in Cleveland and Oberlin, Ohio and will be with the First Society at Toledo for

April; in May they return to Lily Dale, N. Y. Syracuse, N. Y. Our services in Snow hall were well attended, with Mrs. Binning as speaker. A vote was taken in regard to having her ordained; it was unanimous assent, and a collection was taken to defray expenses. We are looking forward to having the convention in this city and hope it will be decided in our favor.

MY TRIP TO A GRAVEYARD AND ITS RESULTS.

BY D. FEAST.

One pleasant day, aimlessly wandering in the vicinity of a graveyard, I concluded to go in and rest awhile with the denizens of the "city of the dead." Noting the stillness of the place and being in a contemplative frame of mind, I was wondering if they who slept beneath the sod were conscious of the rapid strides we had made since they departed this robe of flesh. Presently I was aware of the presence of one who many years ago dwelt on this planet. Assuring me not to be alarmed he asked me a few questions appertaining to our doings in the Nineteenth Century of progress. For convenience I will call my unknown friend Mr. Jones whom I will describe as a gentleman of the old school. He appeared to be about 60 or 70 years of age, wore knee breeches, his hair powdered, and low shoes, ornamented with large silver buckles completed his costume. He assured me that he had fought in the Revolutionary War, and passed away as the result of a wound inflicted by the British soldiers.

Just at that moment the loud shrieks of a locomotive was heard in the distance. With amazement written on his face, he asked me what that meant; I told him. Hardly had the words escaped me when a 45-minute train sped swiftly by. To say that he was astonished would be drawing the matter rather mild. In his day steam was little understood and to think that it could be utilized to carry man from place to place in a very short time was to his mind, nothing short of a miracle. The look on his face was a study. Getting interested in the old gentleman I proceeded to tell him that was only one of the many wonders we had since he left us. He begged me to enlighten him further. I proceeded to tell him of a few strides that we had made. I then told him that I could send a message to any part of the world before he could walk to the other end of the graveyard. His eyes opened with astonishment as I told him of Morse and his achievements along telegraphic lines.

Seeing that he was getting interested in what we had accomplished, "yet greater things," said I to him, "have we done." What would you think if I told you that I could speak in a little instrument and my voice could be heard and recognized? "Such a thing would be impossible," said he.

I then proceeded to tell him of Edison and his wonderful telephone; its use to the commerce of our country, to all of which he listened with great concern depicted on his countenance. "I am not yet done," said I, "more wonderful still has been our progress. It is now possible to reproduce the human voice in a machine." "How is that done?" I told him that he was only to speak in a tube and his voice would be heard and could be produced long after his death. To be explicit, I spoke of the wonderful graphophone. He listened with astonishment, but as the day was drawing to a close I promised him that I would call again and renew our conversation on things mundane. He assured me that he would only be too happy to continue our interesting conversation. Bidding him good bye he suddenly vanished much to my surprise and sorrow. However I determined to enlighten my unknown friend on another occasion on some other line of our progress.

By mutual consent we met again at the graveyard. I found him anxious to know still further what we had accomplished since his taking off. I hardly knew where to begin. So many things came crowding upon my mind that for a moment I was silent. My friend noting my position enquired of what I was thinking. I told him of much; much that that would prove interesting to him, and show him that we were a wide-awake people, much more so than they of his time and generation. I had previously told him of the power of steam as a means of locomotion.

The splendid results of telegraphy; the wonderful use of the telephone and of the graphophone and the rapid strides that we had made as a nation.

He begged me to go on and enlighten him on other lines. As he was interested somewhat in politics in his time, he begged me to tell him what was the political nature of the people of the Nineteenth Century. I told him that at present we were somewhat divided on that great question; some held Democratic views others Republican views, others again Prohibition view and still others Socialistic and Anarchistic views, that I hardly knew what to say. Each particular element or party is striving to convince the other that its views and practices are the only right ones, and that the nation is a fool. Not to adopt its views of the political fabric. The people of this generation are much wiser than their fathers. The political questions of the day are intelligently considered, and a great amount of knowledge is now known of the platforms of all parties. The same vehemence still prevails to a great extent.

Of course, we have greatly improved in our methods of conducting a political campaign. No longer need the voter be afraid to go to the polls and cast his vote for the party of his choice. The Australian system is now in operation and guarantees to each citizen the fact that his vote will be counted, and that only once. Our representative men in Congress men of more than usual intelligence generally represent the people satisfactorily. The people demand in this day, more than they did in your day. We demand honesty of purpose, intelligence of a high order, and non-partisanship. Of course, there are at times exceptions—not generally, however. Our Solons are faithful servants of the people. There is room for decided improvement; what the future will show time only will tell.

We believe that the next century will bury all the present parties, and out of the ashes will spring a new party with greater energy and better prospects. Then the office will seek the man and when he is sought, he will fill the position with honor to himself and his country. We have no Daniel Websters or Henry Clays at the present time. They lived in their time and their lives and works are only a matter of history. Politically we are a great people. We are growing; Our new possessions have greatly enriched us, our financial credit is all that can be asked.

Our ships sail the broad seas and are respected everywhere they go. We shall continue to grow grander and better until we have encompassed the whole world.

THREE LESSONS.

The following is the effect of three seances held by one of our contributors; but as some of the thoughts may conflict with the opinions of a number of our readers, we publish it as an interesting reading that contains a series of morals worth knowing—leaving the whole to the individual for comment, and to accept or reject according to inclination.

LESSON II

Q. What is truth? A. A knowledge of facts attained by observation or experience. What is wisdom? Knowledge applied with reason. What is reason? Consistent or systematic thinking. What does it imply? That spirit has reached a state of self-consciousness. What life condition begins at that stage? Man. Do animals reason? No; they are acted upon by spirit for an intelligent effect, called instinct. Is man thus acted upon? Yes, but the effect combines with his self-consciousness and may be known as intuition. What is inspiration? Spirit acting upon the outer garment of the soul—the spirit body or the mind of the individual—intuition being the effect of direct action on the soul or life principle of the individual and carries with it a knowledge of causes. What are effects? Everything which has form, whether visible or invisible. The spirit body being an effect, can only understand effects—like attracting like. Is love an effect? No, it is a cause—an attribute of

spirit or God. What is intelligence? Also an attribute of spirit; that which lends consciousness to life individualized. What is will-power? Intelligence and love in combined action. How are these attributes of God or spirit manifest? As sensation or feeling in the lower creations and unfolding as reason in the higher; as the creative impetus in the former, and as affection, sympathy and love as it advances toward individualization; and as volition, conscious will and influence or power as it comes to the surface in man. Has the animal a will of its own? Yes, but it lacks self-conscious reasoning and needs the direction of a higher intelligence for consistent action, whether influenced by man or nature. Is man's will influenced by nature? Yes, his search for truth and the desire for moral perfection are both nature's impulses touching him. In connection these two impulses constitute his will. When exercised for righteousness and justice man's will acts in harmony with nature; when reversed it is in discord with the same. But being free to use it either way, he becomes his own arbiter. What are the consequences of its usage? When exercised in accord with nature it assumes a potency over his fellow mortals, and elevates the possessor accordingly. When sensually applied he inherits disease that effects the nervous system; or, rather, the nerves lose their potency, with results following such a cause. When selfishly applied it affects the blood with like consequences—hatred being the acme of selfishness and vitiates the blood with more direful consequences than the aforementioned. When exercised for a sensual and selfish effect combined it constitutes crime, so-called. Are not some born with passions they cannot resist? Yes, but having laid the foundation themselves, they must overcome them by their own will to be restored to a harmonious relation with nature or they will have failed in their life's purpose, and may be attracted to a still lower condition of matter than the present. Are passions indicative of a lower state? Yes, if they have abused a higher, though they may remain on one plane indefinitely until they have conquered that condition of matter. What is the effect of conquering such passions? Light or power to rise above the material conditions to which originally attracted, unless it comes too late in life to utilize it. What is the reward of such? Transition to a higher sphere or aid from those in that sphere by their superior influence over the mortals inhabiting it. How may this be known? As accident, good fortune, the effect of faith or as hopes realized. Is faith an aid? Yes, for it brings the influences in nearer contact with one's own will, and that is partly utilized as a working basis to engender results. Is hope also an aid? Yes, for it keeps the mind open to impressions for self-help. What is charity? Good feeling, forgiveness, tolerance, compliance, and it is a law unto itself. It lends potency to the will and makes its wishes felt without foreign aid, provided there is no active discord behind it, which neutralizes its good effects. What may such a discord consist of? Any old inherited criminal passion not yet fully outgrown, or a sensitiveness to that which, were it carried out in the effect, would be considered a crime. How may the presence of such be known? Through a knowledge of self or by taking note of one's emotions under circumstances and regard them in the same light that we would were we to see or feel them in others. What is this called? Introspection or the divine science. Why so-called? Because only through the study of self can man understand God or nature as cause and effect combined—being himself an individualized counterpart of that condition. Self-knowledge is the only divine knowledge extant.

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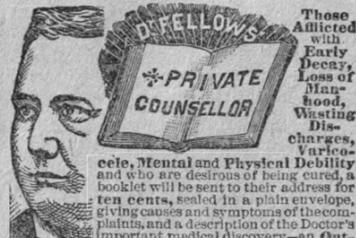
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