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GOD AND HUDSON TUTTLE.

An Able Review of Hudson Tuttle's Latest Book.

Of course we were all well. Wallace covered the ground thoroughly. That is, the theologian's stage of proof, and proved, by the Bible, that God made everything just as we now see it. Now Hudson Tuttle's who drags the "dead" and the "rotten" of the "old" into the "new" evolution. As for the "old" which has been thirty-five years in the "grave" of its own "rotten" and "dead" conditions. He says that the "old" race is the "rotten" and "dead" condition. He says that the "old" race is the "rotten" and "dead" condition. He says that the "old" race is the "rotten" and "dead" condition.

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Indiana State Association of Spiritualists

The Indiana State Association of Spiritualists has held its annual convention at the State Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana. The convention was held from January 12 to 15, 1907.



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THE "GOOD OLD TIMES."

It is a common occurrence to hear us talk about the "good old times" that have passed and gone.

To hear them we would think that the troubles, trials, tribulations, and difficulties, low wages, etc., were a product entirely of modern times and conditions.

In view of this, some recent illustrations go to show a peculiar condition. For instance, Columbus received a salary of \$320 a year, or about \$7 2-3 cents a day.

A lawyer of today does not think he has gotten an exorbitant fee when he gets a thousand or more dollars. But here is an entry in the diary of an English baronet of the time of Edward IV: "Paid to Roger Fylpot, learned in law, for his counsel, 3 shillings, with 4 pence for his dinner."

How did farmers fare? Pretty poorly. It is claimed that a Christmas dinner for a family of six could be gotten for 17 cents. That would include a turkey, which would cost 10 cents, or less than half as much as we now pay a pound for it.

Guess we will take ours out in living today, even with its drawbacks of trusts, combines, etc.

CURRENT TOPICS.

Priestly celibacy was inaugurated as a political necessity at a time when war ruled the nations. Diplomacy has largely taken the place of war. From a recent example in diplomatic circles concerning this nation, it seems that ministerial celibacy will have to be instituted.

Physical and mental trials seem to be the lot of humanity. If we study beyond the surface of things; if we think causatively, we may learn the nature's course of allayments of the animal in man—the curriculum needed to unfold the spiritual nature—sense into reason; self-love—the mediums towards thought and power of spirit.

God forgives all sins—overcoming by colics, drunkenness by vomit, frolicking by catarrh, selfishness by trials, arrogance by humiliations, hate or lust by organic diseases, cancer, etc. As we have free will to sin all we please, it is our body's business—only we must take our medicine for it. Forgiveness without pain or suffering does not forgive, as all will have observed who are prone to study cause and effect.

To gratify hunger and sexuality

is all the animal lives for, and because they are the only two principles operating thru the same from law or causation—spirit. What they signify in this matter controlling entity must be inferred thru man. Analyzed in self-study we see but two opposites—reason and love; and these exercised to their highest leads to light and power. Thus we believe that, as it is in man's nature to strive for perfection thru reason and love in order to attain the other two, that the nature of spirit constitutes light or intelligence and power in one impulse—the spiritualization of the two first-named animal qualifications.

That weather affects mind is almost a proved proposition; and as weather and climate are near relatives, we might use the latter term in place of the former—Christmas, for example, which is a strictly religious holiday, is celebrated in our warmer regions by feasting and making the welkin ring with imitation warfare—albeit the feasting is not omitted anywhere as a main feature among affluent Christianity. But as China is also a warm region and its people a noisy crew, we find their habits imitated in our southern latitudes as the Christ were a Chinese and delighted in the noisome ceremonies effectuated in his behalf.

That certain edible fruit has been cultivated from the inedible by transplanting is well known. That a certain perfection in the same cannot be superceded, we believe, also to be true. And that it finally refuses to thrive, is also known. May we not believe that therein its soul or spiritual nature is perfected to continue life in a higher condition? Now, considering that it requires a superior spiritual or positive condition of a mortal over his animal or negative to free him from earth-bound conditions, may he too, not need a like cultivation for perfection? This is, of course, as yet unprovable, but there was a time when spirit intercourse, and many other things were in the same dilemma. Let us think causatively.

Our War Burdens.

Profoundly impressive was the statement of Senator Hale of Maine, in debate in the United States senate on Tuesday. "I don't know that the people of the country appreciate it, and I don't know that the Senate does," said Mr. Hale, "that two-thirds of the revenues of the country today are devoted to the payment of the burdens of past wars, like pensions, and expenditures in view of future wars." Think what that means. Two-thirds of all the Federal revenues going to pay for the past and future killing of fellowmen. The wicked old world is very far from practicing the teachings of the meek and lowly Jesus. Despite all our boasted advance in enlightenment, mental and moral, governments are still thinking wrong when such things can exist without thought or challenge, or any general attempt to bring about a better state of things. It is, however, to be said that the cause of peace and good will between nations is more talked about and respected today than ever before. But what a long road we have yet to traverse.—Springfield Republican.

Hydesville Cottage Souvenir Postals

We have received a supply of colored Souvenir Postal Cards of the Hydesville Cottage, printed in Germany. Price, 3 cents each, 2 for 5 cents at the office, or if to be sent by mail, in one package, 4 cents for one, 6 cents for two, 11 cents for 4, per 100, postpaid \$2.25. If you would like them to be mailed to friends from Lily Dale, price will be 2 for 5 cents, and postage one cent each for domestic, 2 cents each for foreign.

Every selfish act, whether committed as fraud, deceit or malice—enters the soul in an aura impenetrable to the light of spirit. Gloom, despair, mental suffering or soul-anguish, are future effects of this condition, compatible with the deeds enacted. Hell is a personal inheritance, with nature as the probate.—Adrahin.

To do justice one must have the sense of justice (gift of wisdom).—Adrahin.

BABYLON IS FALLEN.

State Of The Church

By R. S. Foster, Bishop of the M. E. Church.

The church of God is to-day courting the world. Its members are trying to bring it down to the level of the ungodly. The theater, nude and lewd and social luxuries, with all their loose morality, are making inroads into the sacred enclosure of the church; and as a satisfaction for all this worldliness, Christians are making a great deal of Lent and Easter and Good Friday, and church ornate tations. It is the old trick of Satan. The Jewish church struck on the rock, the Roman church was wrecked on the same, and the Protestant church is fast reaching the same doom.

Our great dangers, as we see them, are assimilation to the world, neglect of the poor, substitution of the form for the fact of godliness, abandonment of discipline a hireling ministry, an impure gospel, which assumed up is a fashionable church. That Methodists should be liable to such an outcome, and that there should be signs of it a hundred years from the "sail lo" seems almost the miracle of history but who that looks about him today can fail to see the fact?

Do not Methodists in violation of God's word and their own discipline, dress as extravagant and as fashionably as any other class? Do not the ladies, and often the wives and daughters of the ministry put on "gold and pearls and costly array?" Would not the plain dress insisted upon by John Wesley, Bishop Asbury, and worn by Hester Ann Rogers, Lady Hunting on, and many other, equally distinguished, be now regarded in Methodist circles as fanaticism? Can any one going into the Methodist Church in any of our chief cities distinguish the attire of the communicants from that of the theater and balls gers? Is not worldliness seen in music? Elaborately dressed and chirs, who in many cases make no profession of religion and are often sneering skeptics go thru a cold artistic or operatic performance, which is as much a worldly performance as a musical one as opera or theater. Under such worldly performance spirituality is frozen to death.

Formerly every Methodist attended class and gave testimony of experimental religion. Now the class-meeting is attended by very few, and in many churches abandoned. Seldom the stewards, trustees, and leaders of the church attend class. Formerly nearly every Methodist prayed, testified or exhorted in prayer-meeting. Now but very few are heard. Formerly shouts and praises were heard; now such demonstrations of holy enthusiasm and joy are regarded as fanaticism.

Worldly socials, fairs, festivals, concerts, and such like, have taken the place of the religious gatherings, revival meetings, class and prayer meetings of earlier days.

How true that the Methodist discipline is a dead letter. Its rules forbid the wearing of gold or pearls or costly array; yet no one ever thinks of disciplining its members for violating them. They forbid the reading of such books and the taking of such diversions as do not minister to godliness, yet the church itself goes to shows and frlics and festivals and fairs, which destroy the spiritual life of the young as well as the old. The extent to which this is now carried on is appalling. The spiritual death it carries in its train will only be known when the millions it has swept into hell stand before the judgment.

The early Methodist ministers went forth to sacrifice and suffer for Christ. They sought not places of ease and affluence, but of privation and suffering. They gloried not in their big salaries, fine parsonages, and refined congregations, but in the souls that had been won for Jesus. Oh how changed! A hireling ministry will be a feeble, a timid, a truckling, a time-serving ministry without faith, endurance, and holy power. Methodism formalism, the great central truth, is being dealt largely in general terms in popular lectures. The doctrine of the cross is rarely heard at the pulpits.—Methodist

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LILY DALE NEWS.

Buffalo Notes

We had another snow storm, and again the ground is white. It is like bacon—streaked with lean and fat. i. e., snow and no snow. Mr. and Mrs. White drove over from their home at South Dayton with a cutter. The snow left them and they borrowed a buggy to go back with and the next morning the sleighing was better than wheeling. That is the kind of weather we have had all winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Hatfield Stone and son Laurel of Fredonia, spent New Years, at Riley Johnson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolo and son Howard of Dunkirk and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis of Fredonia, visited Mr. and Mrs. James Reed last week.

Raymond Shafer spent New Years with his parents.

Mrs. Turner's mother, Mrs. Golden, spent several days at J. H. Turner's last week.

Ivah and Garnet Ryan are visiting Flossie Wildrick.

Will Hall spent a day with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Scott.

Mrs. Maggie Wildrick has gone to Dunkirk where she has a singing engagement.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson have gone to Buffalo for a week to visit friends.

Mrs. Dr. Henderson has returned from a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Rouse at Titusville, Pa.

Graham Turner and family spent several days with relatives in Hamilton last week.

Quite a party watched the old year out and the new year in as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Todd.

The Whist club met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hutchinson last Wednesday evening. Next Wednesday they meet at Maggie Turner's. It is their fourth regular meeting and refreshments will be served.

The play "A Box of Monkeys," which was so successfully rendered by local talent recently, will be given at Smith's hall, Cassadaga, Friday evening January 11th, with new specialties in addition to some of those rendered on the former occasion. Everybody invited. Admission adults, 20 cents, children 10 cents.

C. D. Griswold, who is working in Falconer, spent New Years at home.

The regular meeting of the Lily Dale Fire Department will be held at the SUNFLOWER office Tuesday January 8. Every member must be present.

Flossie Griswold, who has been spending the holiday season with her mother, returned to her school at Warren, Pa.

S. J. Richardson is enjoying a visit from two of his brothers. Dance committee's monthly report of dances held in Library hall Lily Dale, N. Y.

Dec. 29, 1906 Receipts from dances \$35.75 Expenses 33.50

Balance \$2.45 Cash on hand Nov. 24, 88.76

Cash on hand Dec. 29, \$11.21 MRS. MAGGIE TURNER, Chairlady.

What Shall We Do Today? Oh, the deeds we will do in the days to come And the words that we mean to say Will lighten the hearts of the sick souls; But what shall we do today? Oh, the burdens we'll lift from the hearts of men, Oh, the tears we will wipe away, And the songs we will sing to the faltering ones— But what shall we do today. Today is the span of our life, no more Can we measure or clasp or mould, There may be no morrow for us, dear heart. No future to use or hold. Oh, let us give our store at dawn, Till the gloaming fades away! All we may do for the sons of men Is the good we can do today. —Ruth Sperry.

N. B. EDDY, Correspondent. The First Spiritual Church of Buffalo meets at the Temple, corner Jersey street and Prospect avenue, Sunday 10:45 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Wednesday evening 7:45. Children - Lyceum Sunday 12 m. HARMONY CIRCLE meets at Keystone Hall, 365 Main street every Sunday evening at 7:35. Chas. S. Hulbert, Pastor. LIBERAL THOUGHT EXCHANGE meets at Stirling Hall, 374 Connecticut street, Sunday at 7:45 p. m.

Dr. Lockwood has been seriously ill the last week and is still confined to his room.

Mrs. C. Lewis Chase commenced to hold regular seances Tuesday evening, January 1 for spiritual advice and messages, at her home, 241 East Eagle street. They will be continued each week until further notice.

The Liberal Thought Exchange society, which meets at Stirling's hall, 374 Connecticut street, held a social and dance Monday evening, December 31, watching the old year out and the new year in.

The First Spiritual society hold a fair and bazaar for the sale of fancy articles, four evenings the latter part of January, the proceeds to aid the society in its work. Anyone who desires to contribute articles for sale, please communicate with Mrs. Nellie Whitecomb, 248 N. Division street, Mrs. C. L. Johnson, 477 Seventh street, or N. H. Eddy, 56 Whitney Place, Buffalo, N. Y.

Sunday, December 30, Lyman C. Howe served the First Spiritual society at the Temple, Dr. Lockwood being sick. The discourses were very able, the subject matter being relative to the physical and spiritual forces in connection with demonstration of phenomena. Mrs. Chase followed with messages.

Monday evening, December 31, a phenomenal seance was held at the Temple, under the direction of Mrs. M. E. Lane, President Hoyt, chairman. The program was a good one and each did well the part assigned. Mrs. Bork gave excellent messages, Miss Jurgensen gave good psychometric readings from articles, Mrs. Lane, under influence, gave several messages, Miss Cothrell of Holland, was present and gave some remarkable demonstrations of rappings, going into various parts of the hall, and the raps were so distinct, as to be heard all over the hall. Questions were answered by raps to the great satisfaction of all present. President Hoyt read an interesting article, Miss Day rendered vocal solos, and Mr. Bonnell delighted all with his musical selections. A very rich treat was that by the musical trio, Lela, Ferol and Brownie Minor, who rendered several selections during the evening. Miss Florence Beebe presided at the piano.

Mrs. Lane was called upon by the president, R. H. Hoyt for a few remarks, and much to his surprise, she turned her attention to him, and after some words of appreciation, presented to him a beautiful lamp as a New Year's gift from members of the society, with the hope that "it might be a light on the way." He acknowledged it in a few words of appreciation, and as the old year had gone and a new one ushered in, we bid each other good night, closing an occasion long to be remembered by all.

HARMONY CIRCLE. A large audience occupied Keystone hall Sunday evening, December 30 to greet our sister, Mrs. M. E. Travis of Hornell, N. Y., second vice president of Harmony Circle. Her work was of a very high order and created a splendid impression on all. The subjects that were taken from the audience were handled in a masterly manner by the control. The thoughts were broad and practical, and gave evidence of a cultured development that should lead her into the ranks of the foremost platform workers of our cause. Her test work also is to be heartily commended. She is to serve the Hamilton, Ont., society for the months of January and February, and we bespeak for her a hearty welcome and large audiences. Our message bearer Mrs. Dahna gave some very beautiful tests that were all recognized with thankfulness and joy by the recipients. Wonderful progress is shown in this lady's work. She has the cause at heart, is truly a spiritual medium in every sense, and her future in this work is assured. She is also an active worker in our society and beloved by all. Our speaker, Mr. Hulbert was with the First Spiritual Church

society at Rochester, N. Y. for this Sunday and Monday evening. He says they had a very large audience who listened in wrapt attention to the pastor, Rev. B. F. Austin's address, "The Upper Story," which was truly a spiritual theme and spiritually handled. He also spoke of the beautiful work of the singers in the choir, ably assisted by their competent organist on the grand organ, of which all are justly proud. Of his own work he had but little to say only that Uncle Ned, his inimitable control, seemed to have found his way into the hearts of the audience, many of whom had heard him at Lily Dale.

The Thought Machine at Work. A charlatan is a person clever enough to make people mistake a trick for a miracle. He should be respected for being a true artist of our present civilization. Spiritism is the act of standing nations by international fellowship. The mission of occult science is in part to expose the charnery, fraud and demerit of standard (topical) samples of Christian citizenship.

Anyone can constitutionally explain why Good Friday should be a holiday in our Boston public schools, or if public schools were Pantheistic school under the supervision of the Catholic church, the holiday would be an observed ecclesiastical holiday. Does not the observance of such a day prove that American constitutional liberty and rights are fast becoming obsolete and dry rot, and that the Irish Catholics need not try any longer to free Ireland when they now have politically conquered America.

To suffer is a personal tribute to one's love of life. This is Buddha's diagnosis. A blinded eye is better than an evil eye.

Newspapers thrive on crime. Sugar is the chief ingredient of Christian Science. Vulgar ty struts on the stage with a price at our best theatres. The Jews lead the world in crime, vulgarity and immorality. That's the game they play. The respectability of their respectability has never had it long. Success leads to the grave. A mummy is a lawyer who has made to eat his own words. A remarkable burlesque on Christianity is the red cross bus which people eat at Easter time and tapers sell with the red cross emblem on the top of them. That's as far as religion goes with most people—into the pit of their stomach.

The Easter season is like the Christmas—another busy in time for the shops. A sure road to pessimism—a job as conductor on an electric car. To be wise is to be otherwise. J. C. F. GRIMBINE.

The Temple Fund Society. It has taken time to send the application for an N. S. A. charter for the Temple Fund society to the different officers for their signature, but at last it has been signed by all and sent to Mrs. Longly, and we received our charter as a Christmas gift. By this we are now a legal organization, protected by the N. S. A. and ready for work in earnest. Now that the holiday season is over, we trust that the Spiritualists of the country will turn their attention to the needs of the cause. Send your dollar for membership, or two dollars and have our name placed on the roll of honor, and thus lend your mite towards the struggling society to build or save its own temple. Send memberships to the president, Geo. W. Kates, Care of H. Monge, 105 Franklin St., Mutual Building, Buffalo, N. Y.

Summer Day in Winter. Met me by the brook at the foot of the mountain. Sparkling in the sun, like diamonds on the sand. When first I met thee, darling, and there your heart, I won. This thought I at the window, Not what was my desire—low drifts? What being but the fire. I readily sought for fire. —Nemo.

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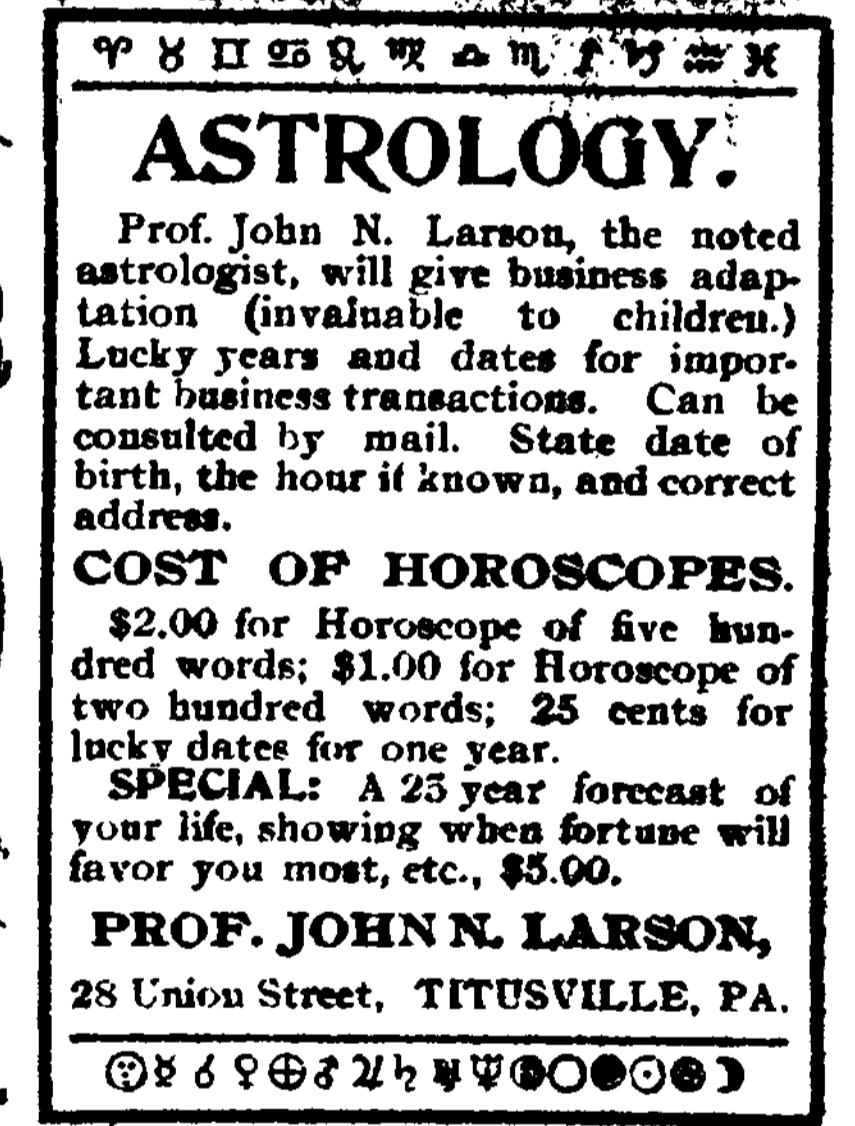
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THE GREENBACKER DISCUSSES SCIENTIFIC BREEDING OF HUMAN BEINGS.



I got hold of a paper the other day telling about Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Hays, and the American Breeders association plans to breed human beings scientifically. I read it thru carefully, and it made me laugh. I know they breed my brothers and sisters scientifically, and they breed cattle and horses and sheep and cats and dogs, but they have never seemed to make much headway in improving the breed of human beings.

The way I read this thing, they are going to try to mate people so as to improve the breed. Now that's a good idea. I suppose they will take Mary Short and John Long and form a combination with them and get Susan Medium and William Normalize as the result. They will take Auntie Fat and Uncle Lean, and the combination will make a betwixt and between sort of family for them.

Now won't that be nice! Just think of all the trouble it will save the people who want to commit matrimony! They won't have to go to the trouble of calling at a dozen houses "to see if the girls are in," nor to placate mamma, nor to "ask papa." Not they. They won't have to look up their pedigree or their antigrade. They won't have to call Sunday nights with a box of Sweettooth's chocolates at a dollar a pound in order to keep the young brother from hiding under the sofa and coming out at the wrong time. No, sir! All they will have to do will be to go to the headquarters of the Scientific Breeding association and say, "I am in search of a wife," (or husband, as the case may be) and the man in charge and his female assistant, will look you over, examine your teeth to see if you can chew tough beefsteak (or the rag) properly, test your lungs to see if your wind is good, ask you if you have dyspepsia, or in-growing toe-nails, or cold feet, and if you answer all of these questions satisfactorily, and they conclude you are not too old and are properly developed, he will whistle up a tube and you will hear, "Hello, you, up there. Send down number 270,943,876."

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Now perhaps I haven't exactly the right idea of how this is to be brought about, but if I haven't, I hope someone will correct me. I looked the matter up a little and was told they were not going to run a matrimonial bureau. What are they going to do then? Are they going to run a sort of Oneida Community institution and mate men and women together for a couple of weeks at a time, paired off according to their mental and physical characteristics? Say! That would just suit some people, wouldn't it?

I see that the American Stock Breeders association has got charge of this affair. Now when they breed stock, they send out into foreign countries for a male to breed from. Do you suppose they will send to England for a duke and try to raise some in this country? Perhaps they will send to Italy for a high grade Polled Angus Italian and try to breed a pope here. Wouldn't it be awful if they got hold of a Russian by mistake and bred a lot of czars! I tremble to think of such a possibility! They used to say that "Leprosy laughs at locksmiths," but I think it will hoot at this breeders' associations and tell it that they can make their own breeding arrangements without any outside help, and they will refuse to recognize the American Breeders Matrimonial agency. I asked one man about it who said he thought the man and woman who wanted to get married would be cited to appear before the examining committee the same way they do when they join the army—they would examine their lungs, livers and gizzards, would measure and weigh them by the Bertillon system, take their finger prints, test their strength, see if they wear a wig, or have a glass eye, a cork leg, a rimbone, the spavin, or if they are knock-kneed or pigeon-toed. Then they would let them go until the committee could get time to sit on them and decide if they should be permitted to marry. But even then he thought the man should still have the right of habeas corpus. Oh, it is too much for me! I wish they wouldn't take up such abstruse subjects and make my brain work so much over-time. It is too hard on the nervous system, and I think I'll let the American Breeders association run the thing to suit themselves and if I should want to get married I will choose my own partner and do as I please—when she is away.

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GOD.

A. GREENBACK. O. L. HARVEY.

In the discussion of any question, either on paper or in court, I never like to use personalities; therefore, I will say they do in Congress, the gentleman from California, who writes for the SUNFLOWER occasionally, on the God question, says, "in his head, there is no God." The gentleman seems to have his five material senses in good working order, yet has none of what we call the sixth sense, that is, intuition, inspiration, spirituality, conscience.

These divine faculties belong to the heart, not the head.

There is quite a difference between thinking in the heart and thinking in the head. I have known men of great intellectual ability and profound learning, who had no conceptions of morality, or spirituality. They were cold, icy, selfish, soulless, godless scientists, without love to man, compassion, to God. There, very presence and conversation filled me with horror. I was once in familiar conversation with a prominent Spiritualist who held high social and official position who said to me, "We have no use for a god. We don't know anything about God. We can't learn anything about God—therefore, we had better drop the subject."

I said, in my heart (not audibly) "You are not worthy to fill the position you hold. You had better step down and out, leave your hole and crawl into it." Advanced thinkers, of modern times, who are studying man and all operations of the mind, in the body and out of the body, lay such men upon the shelf, to petrify, and finally they become "ossified," petrified, ossified.

Such men are entirely deaf and dumb amidst all the spiritual glories that lighteth up this resplendent universe. They do not have "eyes to see or ears to hear" (internal). All that they do know or can know of God comes thru intuitions. True, we don't know much about God, but we will have all the centuries of eternity to study and know.

miles wide, I extend my hand. Shake! We don't know much about gravitation, or magnetism. We don't know just what electricity is. For that reason, should we stop studying these questions?

All the great powers of nature are totally invisible—steam, gravitation, electricity, magnetism. All spiritual powers are likewise invisible. It has been well said, "God is spirit." How could he be visible to mortal eyes? We do not hold that because a man is a Spiritualist he teaches the absurd and infallible truth on any question.

True, as the gentleman from California says, "we have a great many words that are synonymous for God," which is the English word. If we were writing or speaking in the Hebrew, Greek or Latin, we would use the words pertaining to those languages. I have no objection to an atheist expressing his opinion and defending his religion, so to speak, if he can do so in charity, love and compassion. The great trouble is that atheists generally express such malignant hatred and diabolical malice against God, the Creator, and those who entertain a free discussion of this subject. I am just as conscious of the existence of God as I am conscious of my own existence and for the same reason.

The English language is the very best ever known in all the history of the world. The English poets have never been surpassed—they have never been equaled in any age or clime. We are just beginning to "look up thru nature to nature's God." How much better than the cold, heartless, soulless negation of God is the beautiful idea of a great English poet, "in words almost divine," thus:

"These are thy glorious works, parent of good, Almighty! Thine this universal frame, This wondrous fair thyself how wondrous thou!"

As Victor Hugo said: "The soul dilates in the light and finds its God." The gentleman from California do and let us take part in the proceedings of the Spiritualists singing those divine hymns: "Heaven, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!"

"Change and decay in all around I see, O thou who changest not, abide with me!"

Reason, conscience, science, intuition, experience, religion, universal hope and desire, all teach us that it is either nearer to God, or it is away, away an' away!

I Look to Science.

I look to science for the cure of crime; To patient righting of a thousand wrongs.

To find healing of a thousand ills. Blind, ranner now, and cruel egotist, If yet leads on to more than mortal sight.

And the large knowledge that means humbleness And tender love for all created things.

I look to science for the coming race, Growing from seed selected and from soil

Love fertilized and sown by wisdom's hand, Fall out of mortal men a spring demigods.

Strong, primal creatures, with awakened souls And normal passion: governed by the will, Leaving a trail of glory where they tread.

I look to science for the growth of faith.

That bold denier of accepted creeds, That mighty doubter of immortal truths

Shall yet reveal God's secrets to the world And prove the facts it seeks to overlook.

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Wm. H. Hickox writes: The last Sunday of the old year found us at Maccabee hall, Niagara Falls, crowded with a large audience eager to receive a message from their loved ones.

curiosity, probably, girls and their escorts, but they behaved prudently. The time was mostly given to messages by Mrs. Atcheson, most all of which were acknowledged as correct. She seemed to try to reach all, but that was impossible. Three strangers, visitors to the Falls, paid their respects to Mrs. A. after the meeting and congratulated her on her psychic powers.

J. L. Foster writes: It would be out of order and a lack of appreciation, if we should fail to report the soul uplifting spiritual services held at Elwood, Ind., Sunday December 31 by that eminent and eloquent speaker, Sarah A. Crossfield of Muncie, Ind. We had a large audience of respectable and intelligent listeners. There were some from Michigan, Peru, Kokomo, Tipton, Alexandria and Muncie. After the services at 2 p. m. a splendid repast was partaken of in the hall, and from then until six o'clock the time was spent in social and spiritual conversation, interspersed with instrumental and vocal music. From six to seven about twenty sat in a lighted circle, and many a heart was made to burn with joy by the manifestation of the presence of dear ones who have preceded us to the higher life.

BOSTON NOTES.

MRS. D. W. BELCHER. The Annual meeting of the Massachusetts State Association was held in Friendship hall, Odd Fellows building, 4 Berkeley street, January 1, 1907, at 10.30 a. m. After the usual business was transacted the following officers were elected: President, George A. Fuller; 1st vice president, J. B. Hatch; 2nd vice president, Hebron Libby; 3rd vice president, J. Q. Whittemore; secretary, Mrs. Carrie L. Hatch; treasurer, Mrs. Carrie Loring; directors, Mr. Butterfield, Miss Susie Clark, Mrs. M. Litch.

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A CHRISTIAN HOODOO.

G. W. KATES.

It is always laughable to the average Christian when some act of a southern Negro, or a crafty fakir has used something to hoodoo or put a spell upon another person. It is called the height of superstition and nonsense.

It is always the other party who is in danger of the bad. But no evil can befall any one who shall do anything in the name of the Lord. And they do not stop to comprehend that the Lord of the Jews and Christians is a different person.

And yet, Paul alludes to "our" Lord. This intimates that there were or are other Lords. But, if the Lord is "the same Lord," then the Lord is God. The latter is inevitable if the incarnation is true; and if that is true, then there is a biblical support of the theological doctrine of reembodiment.

All of this is noted because the modern Christian makes claim that the Lord Jesus is eternal God. Such is the consensus of opinion amongst modern Christian, at least. In witness of this and that a hoodoo in the name of Jesus Christ is endorsed by the moderns, I append a document that lately was sent to my wife.

The prayer was sent out by Bishop Lawrence of the Methodist denomination and I am informed that the said Bishop has expended considerable money trying to recall the prayer; but his superstitious followers continue to send it as a chain letter contrary to the postal laws. This is a plain hoodoo, in which a spell is threatened in the name of the Lord Jesus upon all who shall not obey its mandate.

The height of superstitious folly has been reached in this document of Bishop Lawrence, and is entitled to full exposition, instead of obeying the request of a Methodist friend, to "pay no attention to it. Some postal authorities have been notified of this chain letter, and they also have said: "Pay no attention to it, for there are many being received and we cannot stop it." This also evidences that this has taken quite a wide influence, and bears the result of conviction that in the threat there is a possibility of power.

To all such I desire to call attention to the argument of Rev. Edward Beecher on "The principles of honor and right, by which the conduct of God ought to be regulated in his dealings with his creatures." (See "Conflict of Ages.") This treatise should be the accepted doctrine of modern Christians, instead of the idea of a Godly hoodoo placed in the way of his children.

Reserving further comment, I record that document and thus will perhaps relieve some poor mentality from its baneful effect, or, at least,

place the editor and myself on the safe side by sending it to more than nine persons. The following is the chain-letter referred to:

"THE ENDLESS CHAIN OF PRAYER. 'Oh! Lord Jesus Christ, we implore Thee, the Eternal God, to have mercy upon all mankind. Keep us from all sin, and take us to be with Thee eternally. Amen.'"

"This prayer was sent by Bishop Lawrence recommending it to be written and sent to nine other persons. HE WHO, WILL NOT WRITE IT WILL BE AFFLICTED. One person who ignored it met with a dreadful accident. He who will write this prayer for five days, distributing it to nine other persons commencing on the day it is received, and sending only one copy each day, will on or after the fifth day experience great joy. At Jerusalem during the Holy Feast, it was there said that he who will write this prayer will be delivered from every calamity. Please do not break the chain." (No signature.)

This hoodoo letter may put calamity upon me. If so, then is there a God who regulates his creature upon the just principles of right and wrong, when he has already told us to judge for ourselves what is right?

ERRORS AND DELUSIONS OF THE ISM.

NUMBER TWO.

No mortal or spirit ever discovered a god. Men create their own gods, which are ideal beings as different as human minds are.

The crudest as well as wisest nations have had their deities, different in character and attributes. There is nothing too absurd for men to affirm of gods. The averments of the learned are no better than the repetitions of the ignorant.

People who are prudent and reasonable in the ordinary affairs of life, insanely cling to imaginary gods. From the many gods in the field of fancy and myth each one comes in with the claim of supremacy, and each devotee believes the one he or she approves is the only true and living god. The more false, absurd, unreal a religious dogma is, the more firmly do its adherents believe it, defend it and cling to it.

Some Spiritualists say, "We believe in infinite intelligence," and they explain that it means God. They believe much they do not know. It is a very easy matter to believe things that are untrue, unreal; yet they must have a deity of some kind to believe in—educated that way. People are believers by habit and custom and by force of early training, not because there is proof of a god.

What do they know of their infinite intelligence? Absolutely nothing; because they say it is incomprehensible and unknowable. Then they may as well call this "unknown quantity" infinite ignorance. They know no more about it than rude barbarians.

Then why talk and write about it? Intelligence belongs to persons; it implies mind, memory, knowledge; it cannot think, will and act independent of individuality.

Some wise Theists of this age say they "base the personality of God on consciousness, purpose and will—not on shape or avoirdupois—do not mean form or location." A person is a living man, woman or child and consciousness, purpose, will, are attributes of a person and do not exist independently. If these wise men are "the image of God" and "He is their Father," as they claim, he should possess shape, form, avoirdupois, on the hypothesis that "like produces like." And that "strong arm of God" they talk about should have some weight. However, this fabulous god has no weight.

"He has no location," they say; yet they often tell where he is; locate him definitely in place; sometimes in heaven where He has no location, in their homes. He has no location in their town, in their churches, in their homes. He has more locations than any other person or thing.

contradict that by the assertion "God is not in heaven where sinners are banished from His presence."

No—these Theists in a personal God, and affirm "God is not a principle." Nevertheless, it with capitol G—"Him—Father," and proof of "men are made by image and likeness," must be a person—men are persons.

This impersonal God they affirm is "The Father of Christ," and they talk learnedly about "The arm of God—the bosom of the heart—the eye of God"—all of which imply a person.

From these several averments of Theists we now perceive that their ideal god has no shape nor avoirdupois and no personality which is evidence to our mind that it is a chimeral, hallucination, a thing of fancy.

Some Spiritualists assert positively "There is a God in Spiritualism." Which is his other name? If "Christianity and Spiritualism are synonymous and identical" as alleged, it must be the one that Christians worship. It must be the Christian Jehovah, God of the Bible, proven by their use of Bible phrases and quotations. They have often called themselves "Christian Spiritualists," and have tried to fuse the old religion with the knowledge of Spiritualism, which confronts the fundamental doctrines of Christianity with denial and proves them false.

Most assuredly some of us do not recognize or consent to "A god in Spiritualism." I never have discovered a god in it—never saw the picture of "Living Father" of children should have some photographs, circulated among them; for there is no Theist who can prove his or her relations to a god.

However, there are many ideal gods in the benighted minds of god believers which individually they make their own.

Spiritualists always have been made up of statements of their faith and principles because they contained a god. That is all an imposition on spiritualism.

There is no common standard of what we believe, and never will be; and any crude brief, is a just cause of antagonism.

What we know of more importance than what we believe. It is impossible for us to agree on any points of religion; and that is all right individual in the realm of Spiritualism is entirely free from all such bonds.

We offer no objection to people holding and preaching their old faith as much as they like, but we insist that the doctrines of theism and Theism are not component parts of Spiritualism. We will be patient, tolerant with all people, or we know it takes time to overcome old habits, to acquire knowledge of the truth, to outgrow and sow errors of faith.

Some writers and speakers arrogantly talk about "placing the religion of Spiritualism upon the basis of Scientific sense! Theism is faith in a god or gods; a doctrine not a thing to be demonstrated or proven. It ignores all sciences and attributes natural causes and effects to a god or "the gods."

Science and Theism have always been in conflict, with many grand victories scored for science, and theology has abandoned the contest. Religion has no facts. There is no knowledge, no facts, no proof of a specific or universal anything classed as infinite or unchangeable or immortal or supernatural has no place in science.

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