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TESTIMONY FROM JOHN THE BELOVED APOSTLE

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EXCERPT FROM THE TESTIMONY OF
JOHN.

It being now high noon, and the famished children of Judea were sitting on the ground to rest, and I said to Mary, "Have you anything to eat?" Her answer was, "I have had nothing since yesterday noon." I then said to Jesus, "Among all of this multitude there is not a piece of bread or a spoonful of meal, and they are suffering everywhere with hunger." He bowed his head and a deep groan came welling up from his very soul, as he answered, "John, the holiest gift God gave to me, I give to thee, my mother. Care for her, John, when I am gone it is all I ask; and now, if it is possible for you to send to Joppa, bring bread for my mother. I cannot but die, but Mary must linger—it is her destiny.

Bread I could not buy, but I saw a herdsman and I said to him, "Drive a bullock into the midst of the people and let him be slain there that they may save the blood, and I will give you ten scruples in gold." He took the gold and drove the bullock into the midst of the people. They killed him there, and saved the blood for the poor starving children, and then cut it up into small pieces and gave it to them all. Jesus took his piece and held it away from him, and said, "This is the last morsel of food that will ever pass my lips earthly." Then he said, "Come hither my faithful followers; come let us once more sit together in the presence of Almighty God, and eat to his glory for the last time on earth." Twelve of us sat around him, and ere we tasted we all knelt in prayer. My brother's voice came deep and clear, and then he prayed, "Oh, blend thy bread of life with this our earthly food, and may our souls be filled with light from thee. Bless thy children, O, Creator God, and in our anguish let us bow and kiss the rod, if it be for the highest good, for thee, and humanity. Let the angels bear witness this was the last morsel of food that passed the lips of any that died on the day of the crucifixion."

When we reached the valley north of Joppa, and encamped, we were entirely at a loss to know what to do. The faithful followers gathered together and held a council. It was decided that we should make our way into Jerusalem, hoping the hungry Hebrews would be fed, if nothing more, and my brother said the king was once his friend, and he hoped he would save him from the cross, and the Hebrew children from starvation. That was our last hope. Faint as it was, we knew if we remained there it was but to starve. Turn back we could not. Jerusalem was the only place for us, and there we held.

How can I go on? My heart beats when I look upon those painful hours of suffering and despair. Their hunger was cramping, and death was relieving the poor emaciated bodies that had dragged themselves along to this holy valley, where the holy Chaldean children had camped four thousand of years before, because the heathen priests had sought to cut off all of the sons of Chaldea, because they did believe in a living God. Here the same springs were still gushing up fresh from the bosom of earth, for a people that were compelled to become outcasts in the land of strangers. Here the holy blood of Chaldea and Judea, blended together, by the Chaldeans being driven from their own kingdom, and seeking rest in this holy valley, their descendants were held for a time unmixed, but in the course of time they mixed with Judea's children, and their descendants were called Hebrews.

Judea's children descended from Benjamin, and Chaldea's children

from Joseph. And now this holy blood that had been persecuted from time to time, as they had ever held the God of Abraham before them. And the heathen bigots had ever sought to cut off all that declared Abraham's God, and now as the anointed priests had become mighty in the land, they were determined to cut off every Hebrew, and destroy them root and branch. Eighteen hundred years ago, that was the condition of the eastern country, and what is it today? Answer, Oh, ye blood of Abraham. In all the nations of the earth I find you still, and ye know not that the same influences are at work in ancient Rome. Beware! Beware! Lest the blood of Joseph and Benjamin are again compelled to flee their homes and seek rest in some distant valley, or be trampled beneath the feet of heathen idolatrous worshippers. They are already prepared to destroy all that will not bow to the idols that they hold before the poor deluded creatures that have been reared in the bosom of delusion, and drag out a life in fear of the pope and priest, and not say our Father and our God is here in our midst. And I, John, have watched these changes and know its meaning.

I, John, feel a duty due humanity, which if I leave without laying down my whole burden, earth may demand my presence again, but when I am freed I would be free forever. NOTES ON HISTORY AS IT HAS BEEN HANDED DOWN THRU JUDEA'S BLOOD.

Josephus was a partial historian. In the first place he gave but the fair side of Judea's doings and sayings, and his hate against the Hebrews knew no bounds, and as for the heretics, he would have destroyed them all if he could, and among the rest he had a fearful hate against Jesus, as he felt he had deluded me with heresy, and for that he persecuted the Hebrews with more deadly hatred than before. In his history of Judea's children, did he give any account of the heathen priests destroying Judea's fairest flowers, that bloomed upon her borders? No! He withheld that from his works, yet he was cognizant of it all. His knowledge was clear relative to the laws of the land, yet he gave it but in part.

And now a partial historian is to be criticised by facts that did not exist, and must now be made plain. Josephus declares that Judea's kings were holy people. If holiness consists in drunkenness and debauchery, then they were holy. He declares the country was filled with light. If heathen idolatrous worship was light, then we have nothing to say; and when the anointed priests had a right to enter the homes of the Hebrews, and slay the men for naught but being Hebrews, and crushing their females with their brute desires, then bid defiance to Judea's king and council, holding themselves in condition to do battle if they were in the least disturbed. Did the council ever dare condemn a heathen unless he was first handed over to the priesthood, and they give him over to have the laws enforced?

How was it with Caiphas and the king's home? Does Josephus declare that he, Caiphas, diseased the king's concubines and damned his daughters, and even diseased the queen, and she died with that disease? Does he declare that the heathen priests alone, gave in marriage, even Judea's children, and if he chose, to hold the damsel that had been united to the one of her choice, for days in his chamber, before he gave her up to her husband, that crushed husband dared not ask a question why it was so, and if he could receive her to his bosom alive he would receive her and hold his peace; and if a priest or confessor demanded his wife in after time, he dare not cross the threshold of his own home until they had departed, and if his companion bore children, and among them were holy daughters, dare he

say aught against the heathen confessions holding them at the will and pleasure? No, he dare not knowing full well it would be his doom to die; if he were Judean, Hebrew or heretic.

These things did exist in all of the land, but does Josephus declare aught of it? No! No! No! But he writes all that could reflect credit for Judea's inhabitants, therefore I must say he is a partial historian, for history embodies the whole, whether good or evil, and here I am declaring what I know to be facts, and nothing more. I have held these facts for ages; they belong to humanity, and I shall leave them in their hands, and they can do with them what they choose.

Freely, Oh, freed, holy God, I am forever, and could I but unchain human souls, that are bound to heathen devices that are cursing God's created, even in this age, and in this holy land of freedom! Arise, Oh, ye holy sons and daughters. Children of light, dare ask Almighty God if he has forged chains for the spirit, when the body is free. Look, Oh, look ye, to the life beyond, and if you discern clearly, you will see that all bespeaks freedom, unless you bind yourselves. Even you are bound here, who is to unbind you hereafter? None! None! They that have enslaved you are enslaved themselves, and ages on ages may pass away, and none will say to you, arise, there is light beyond; a home for thee and all humanity that ask, and seek aught.

Breathless, I gaze into the future, and see what I never saw before. Mighty changes among earth's inhabitants. Holy children will be born, and will attract holy lights around them, and that light will surely reach every heart and every home in all the earth. Then priests, crafty, no matter under what name they may come, will smoulder in ashes because the holy blending with the angel world will surely lead them, and lead them aright, and teach the children of men to ask for knowledge. And who will teach them but the souls that are freed from earth. Then there will surely be one glad song go welling up to the first great cause: Hozanna; Hozanna! Glory to God and good will to man forever and eternally. Holy God, I will praise thee for letting me behold the future ere I pass beyond to my home of rest. This hour will be held before me as a comforter, when I cannot watch earth and its changes. But I know it will be fulfilled, and God's glory will fill all time, all space, and he will be glorified thru his children, even here on earth. John, once the Jewish dispenser, and now a servant of Almighty God.

BATTLES IN THE BLOOD.

An interesting record of what may be called the battles that occur in the blood of a fever patient between noxious and benign microorganisms was presented at a recent meeting of the Royal Microscopical Society.

The patient in this case was suffering from malarial fever. The observations were made at intervals of a few minutes during a period of five hours. The defenders of the patient's life were a kind of eucoocytes which destroyed the malarial parasites.

A leucocyte would engulf a parasite, which would then be seen depositing granules of disintegration inside the leucocyte, and only the pigment granules were left. Afterwards other leucocytes would approach and absorb even these granules. Exchange.

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THE BENEFIT OF PSYCHISM.

BY VINE H. HICKOX.

Perhaps it may be proper to give a summary review of the potent forces in nature, its mysteries and benefits to humanity on the earth sphere. Electricity is now a most familiar and powerful servant of mankind. We summon it and employ it in many ways, its effects are known to us from the flash thru the air to the rushing railroad train, which drives with great speed. For all that we know it not. It is invisible and unexplainable.

Sixty years ago mankind was comparatively ignorant in the laws of nature. Man lived in fear and dared not think for himself. He lived in superstitious bondage. But a change took place. Science brought knowledge out of Chaos—knowledge of magnetism, hypnotism, psychism, occultism and Spiritualism.

The old time belief in a personal theism has been a great impediment to human progress. But the hypothesis, and knowledge of Spiritualism has refuted those old time ideas. It is the foundation of all science. Spiritualism as a science is the knowledge of the psychical and spiritual nature of man. And as spirit is the moving force of the universe its study is that of creation and is not complete until the unknown mysteries become known.

What Spiritualism has proved thru a study of its phenomena and thru a study of psychical research is a continuity of life. After the change we call death that we live right on. A great thing. A wonderful thing to contemplate. It is something the world has been seeking for a long period of time. Yet these facts have always been with the world.

Col. Henry S. Olcott, over 30 years ago, investigated the phenomena of materialization in Chittenden, Vermont, and he wrote a book giving his experiences of three months in the Eddy homestead. I sent to Boston for a copy 25 years ago, and I read that book thru twice. It was so very interesting, afterwards I gave the book away to a friend.

Two brothers, William and Horatio Eddy lived on a farm in the little hamlet of Chittenden, Vermont, both single young men. And a sister who kept house for them. Their parents being in spirit life. The two brothers were wonderful spirit mediums. In a wing attached to the main building of their home they had a hall or large room in the second story, while under this room on the ground floor was the kitchen and dining room a stairway led from the dining room up into the hall.

They had a platform built across one end of the hall about three feet above the floor, on one end of the platform a cabinet was built six feet by four feet in size, with open door. Over this door a heavy dark curtain was hung. In the hall there were six long plain wooden benches for the people to sit on. Twice a week the brothers held seances for materializations.

Mr. Olcott witnessed many spirit forms. One in particular was an Indian girl that had lived in that neighborhood when all the country was a wilderness roamed only by Indians. This Indian girl was a bright spirit, and seemed to be the leading spirit of the Eddy homestead. Her name was Honto. She would come out of the cabinet and skip about on the platform her long black hair hung to her waist. She would shake hands with Olcott and call him white chief. While all this would be going on William Eddy would be seated in his arm chair inside of the cabinet in a trance sleep. His brother Horatio was seated beside the cabinet.

The mother of the two young men, Mrs. Eddy, appeared in spirit form several times, and spoke to friends that she knew in earth life. She would hold the curtain of the cabinet aside and show her son William inside fast asleep in his chair. Then she would walk over to Mrs. Cleveland, an old lady who sat in a common chair on one end of the platform and converse with her in a friendly, familiar way. On one occasion she disappeared suddenly like mist before the old lady. At other times she would disappear into the cabinet.

Many other spirits besides the ones I have mentioned appeared and disappeared. Honto the Indian girl, on different occasions would hold her hair in her hand and reach it out to Col. Olcott. He would stroke it with his hand in surprise. He said it felt natural to the touch.

Madame Blavatsky, a Russian lady, and a medium of note, joined Col. Olcott during his investigations in the Eddy homestead. To their astonishment a dog would follow Honto out of the cabinet and frisk about with her on the platform. This was repeated several times before their eyes, and then disappeared into the cabinet. Then again on other occasions, they would melt away down seemingly thru the floor, a dematerializing process.

Other animals besides the dog would materialize. Olcott said that this was a common occurrence in the Eddy homestead, a full account of which he published in book form, fully illustrated, and pictured in every detail.

Colonel Olcott accompanied by Mme. Blavatsky and others, went to India. While there, M. Blavatsky died. Her spirit joined that of Honto. Col. Olcott became a strong believer in Spiritualism. Being averse to the word he adopted that of Theosophy, claiming to believe that spirits of mortals, reincarnate. Animals, of course they must differ from the Spiritualist. In order to form a cult his ambition is to be the head.

Whether Mrs. Mary B. Eddy, head of Christian Science, is any way connected with the Vermont family, I do not know. She at one time posed as a spirit medium but failed, although it has been denied by her. But Dr. J. M. Peebles, an old Spiritualist of over 40 years, a man who in early life was a minister. He is a writer and author of many books. He is authority in a statement that he saw Mrs. Eddy nearly 40 years ago in Boston posing as a spirit medium. It is no crime for a person to change their views or believe in immortality. It is better to be truthful. Mrs. Eddy invented Christian Science, her ambition was to be the head.

Colonel Olcott says there is danger in mediumship to offset his belief. To those who investigate Spiritualism with pure spiritual motives, and have a desire to know of spirit life and pray for the coming of loved ones in spirit life, there is no danger. There may be those who seek for amusement, the furtherance of worldly affairs by knowledge thus gained by those who would prostitute it to fortune telling for to every one comes his own and he gets what he seeks. The devilish spirit will avoid an angel of truth.

Dowie posed as a prophet. He caused hundreds to believe that he was a descendant from Elijah and money flowed into his treasury like water. Mrs. Eddy, in like manner, was successful. Col. Olcott may possibly in his Theosophy gain shekels of gold. Where financial gain is the issue on the part of leaders of all cults, it may flourish for a time, but the evil and fraud to deceive mankind by all these schemes will come back with telling effect.

The healing art, or science of magnetic healing, to help the sick, should not be practiced for the sake

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ARE SPIRIT COMMUNICATIONS RELIABLE?

Incidents in the experience of everyone who is interested in Spiritualism compels asking many questions and among them is none more pertinent than the above.

There is a mistaken idea among many that communications are for the purpose of acting as positive guides of action in business and other personal affairs, and if such is the case, the fountain should be thoroughly searched to learn if there is a lingering taint of something that may influence the communication.

It is impossible to carry water in a vessel without having it partake of the nature of the vessel. Some elements can not be carried in vessels of certain materials on account of the deteriorating influences on the material of which the vessel is composed.

This will apply with equal force to a spirit communication. It may start with strict accuracy, but as it passes along its journey it meets a vessel that is contaminated by personal thoughts and desires, personal opinions that do not conform either to the ideas of the one who is sending or the one who is receiving the message, and these thoughts are reflected upon the message until its original meaning is perverted, and possibly all unconsciously by the instrument thru whom it is given.

This is evidenced by the conflicting messages given by the same (claimed) intelligence, thru two different mediums, also by the contradictory statements made by the same medium while under two different influences. We have repeatedly heard different spirits thru the instrumentality of one of our most prominent workers give totally different accounts of the same event.

Any communication must therefore be judged by its merits, or the remarks it carries. It should not be taken as fact merely because it comes thru the channel it does, but it should be weighed and balanced, carefully considered, and acted upon only when it stands these tests.

In making these comparisons we do not wish to be understood as claiming willful fraud. On the contrary, we are fully satisfied that many times the instrument is thoroughly honest, and is not aware that any such contamination is resulting—would indignantly repel it if such was known.

Much harm has been done Spiritualism by the indiscriminate faith placed in messages that have come thru honest but influenced channels. Study them carefully and one objectionable feature will be eliminated.

TO OUR PATRONS.

Several times each week we receive letters which read about as follows:—"Enclosed find \$5.00 (pay- ing back (subscription or advertising bill.) Please excuse delay," and then follows the excuse.

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Yours for the spread of true Spiritualism, W. H. BACH, Publisher.

THE MOORES.

"Despite the damning charges against him of employing confederates in presenting fake materializations in his seances Mr. Hugh Moore is absent from home and silent."

"We have sought information from former friends and supporters of Mr. Moore—all of them fair-minded men—and find practical unanimity among them regarding the charges against Mr. Moore; that there is no other interpretation possible of his absence from home and his silence than that of guilt."

"This is a case where silence is not golden, but seems a plain confession of guilt. The medium who cannot persevere his honesty and cultivate mediumship had better abandon mediumship. All the wonderful gifts of mediumship are a poor substitute for manhood and honesty."

The above from Reason, B. R. Austin's ably monthly, strikes a keynote in Spiritualism. The publisher of the Sunflower has always been a friend of mediums, and has done what he could in the interests of the phenomena of true Spiritualism, but when such charges as have been made in this case are made under oath, and the matter enters the courts, it is a subject of national importance to the Spiritualists.

In writing we do not refer distinctly to the Moores. That they have good mediumistic powers, we know. That they have perverted those powers from the evidence presented, and in the light of their silence when it "is not golden," the whole world is justified in accepting.

But now the Spiritualists should speak in no uncertain sound on this subject. We have got to have our house cleaned. We should clean it ourselves and not leave it for our neighbors to do for us. Here is a person who says under oath that she was a confederate of a fake "medium." That person should be visited, affidavits taken, and no matter whom it may hit, front the head to the foot of Spiritualism, those who are concerned should be placed where they belong and where they cannot do anything more to the detriment of the movement. It can be definitely proven that the Moores have been gulling the people out of their money, not to mention that they imposed on them in other ways sacred beyond compare, it is the duty of the Spiritualists as a national body, to send them to the penitentiary for a term of years of hard labor, thus showing all classes of people who want a life of ease at the expense of others that the Spiritualists have vim enough to care for the interests of their ism.

We have always decried the indiscriminate fraud talk, based on assumptions, and idle statements based on suspicion. Many a man has been hung and many a woman subjected to social ostracism on the basis of suspicion. But now that there is a "case in court" it is the duty of Spiritualists to see it through whatever the results may be, so that it may effect.

"WEIGHING THE SOUL."

In next week's Sunflower we will have an exhaustive statement of the experiments of "weighing a soul," by the author of the "Mediums," Dr. Duncan McDougall. The account is one that we doctor and scientist and our friends will be interested in.

The question in our mind discovered more to be basic anything previously hit in line 1 by the past alism has d. Its will be conclusion.

Message, Written Before Death.

When coming to England, where I had been on a visit for some time, I was told by a friend that I should stay in England, receive a spirit-return, and then return to America. While spending a few days in Liverpool, before my departure, I made inquiries as to where I should stay, and a public despatch was given to me. I was present at a seance, and the medium said: "I am to be spirit-communicated to you on your journey home, and I will give you a description of a woman who has been passed."

That my and before I was a Spiritualist she gave me a written up in my pocket. I received it after I returned home. After I had described my mother, she gives me that the her before sealed up with you. "I that is in and said, promise

made to you before passing over. Louie. It is true I still live and have this night fulfilled my promise.—Mother."

The medium asked me if I knew whether the words he had repeated were those written in the sealed envelope. I said I could not tell, but if my mother had repeated the words she would know that one of the conditions was that I should not open the envelope until she gave a certain sign. The medium then said: "The spirit friend holds up her hand wide open." I then knew that I could open the envelope, for that was the sign agreed on between us, and I am pleased to say that the words repeated by the medium were exactly the same as those written in the sealed envelope. I feel proud to have had this great test given me by Mr. S. B. Jones, of Liverpool.

I intend making this fact known in America when I return, but I feel it is a duty to let you know of this wonderful test. Mr. Jones had never seen me before I went to the hall in Liverpool.

L. WHITE. In London Light.

IMPRISONED PRIDE.

A home with peace in its atmosphere is preferable to a palace with but the conventional disturbance pervading it. But as some people find soul nourishment in uncharitable gossip others find delight in anything but quietude. A serene atmosphere is discomfort to the proud or haughty. They need constant excitement to ward off self-reflection. The latter is a bane to them. They live exclusively on the exterior and thus never become acquainted with themselves. Spiritual progress is not their curriculum—thus seldom have the conviction of a future life brought to them. They repel sensitives by their attitude; and spirits in their own sphere live the same life they are living—consequently cannot convey truth to them even when endeavoring to do so. They deceive volens volens, and the recipient declares the medium a fraud or Spiritualism a delusion. Pride is a barred door between the two worlds—whether in the form of petty pride. The one who is all in advance, the other doesn't want to be instructed by its inferiors; and between the two they constitute a little world to themselves with ignorance ruling, and a heaven awaiting that will seem more like a prison yard than a free aced spirit-world.

A. F. MELCHERS.

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THE IDEA.

It is astonishing to me what strange and incongruous ideas some people have about weighing the soul. The soul has no weight and never has been weighed. This is my own idea and I get it out of my own inner-consciousness. This idea of mine is sustained and proven by writers in the Bible, by science, by the new psychology and by intuition.

Paul says, "There is (now) a natural (physical) body and a spiritual body," that is a soul-body. This soul-body, which some call the astral body and others the spirit-body, has weight and has been weighed. It is not the soul but is that body upon which the soul operates and manifests.

The soul is that part of us which feels, remembers, loves and hates. The soul could not operate, manifest or do anything in this life or the spirit life without a material body. As the objective mind operates and controls the outward, physical body thru the five senses, so the soul operates and controls the soul-body.

Even in this life each one can and does act entirely separate and independent of the other. This soul-body entirely fills the physical body and is of the same size, shape, contour and general appearance. This soul-body is released at the death of the physical body and still remains the seat of the soul in the spiritual realms. This is what Socrates meant when he said, "You may bury my body but you cannot bury me."

We should not confound soul and soul-body as synonymous terms. One is only the complement and instrument of the other.

O. L. HARVEY.

Seneca on Poverty and Death.

"Yet many things befall us which are sad, dreadful, hard to bear." Well, as God has been unable to remove these things from your path, he has given your minds strength to combat all. Bear them bravely. In this you can surpass God himself. He is beyond suffering evil; you are above it. Despair poverty. No man lives as poor as he was born. Despair pain. Either it will cease or you will cease. Despair death. It either ends you or takes you elsewhere. Despair fortune. God has given no weapon that can reach the mind.

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MY PET LAMB.

I once had a pet lamb. He was the cleanest I ever saw in all my life. The little fellow I never saw in all my life. He was white as snow and his eyes were like blue diamonds. I had him since I was a boy. He followed me everywhere I went, with an obedient and affectionate air. When I was at work, he would follow me to the fields and to the garden. He was a very smart little fellow and he would follow me to the fields and to the garden. He was a very smart little fellow and he would follow me to the fields and to the garden. He was a very smart little fellow and he would follow me to the fields and to the garden.

This lamb must have been a very clean little fellow. He was white as snow and his eyes were like blue diamonds. I had him since I was a boy. He followed me everywhere I went, with an obedient and affectionate air. When I was at work, he would follow me to the fields and to the garden. He was a very smart little fellow and he would follow me to the fields and to the garden. He was a very smart little fellow and he would follow me to the fields and to the garden.

THE SMELL OF NEW MOON HAY

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THE ORACLE.

By J. C. F. Grumbine. Under this Head Answers to Questions from our Correspondents will be given from time to time.

A word more about the Moores. The gentleman from New York city is very eager to defend the Moores... their recent alleged expose, and... calling me down for my tardiness in speaking right out at Budd...

I am indeed sorry that the expose has occurred and I am doubly sorry that not a word in reply, discrediting it has been printed in the spiritual press by the Moores themselves.

To show how idiotic some speakers on the New Thot platform are our attention is called to a recent utterance of a gentleman at the New Thot convention which met in Chinkering Hall, Boston, recently.

Of course there is no authority for saying this much, except the statements of those who have always taken a decided interest in the movement, and who in their published books, write what is here reiterated.

If one tenth of what they claim were demonstrable, why are they as a class so sick, poverty stricken and knackered of those who differ with them?

who differ with them. If New Thot as exploited by the average talker can reform even the New Thoter, to say nothing of the heretic or the ordinary layman, it will be the greatest miracle that was ever done.

A good deal is said about spiritual and material Spiritualists, when, if the terms were understood, there would be less bitterness associated with the use of these words.

How are we Spiritualists to settle the so-called fraud question? This has given the old and the new school of Spiritualists no end of trouble.

Can your camp meetings succeed by the power or eloquence of the platform, without the tests? Try it and see.

Urbana, O., May 8.—Ministers of St. Paris held a meeting yesterday at which they adopted drastic resolutions against holding funeral services on Sunday.

PREACHERS TRUST.

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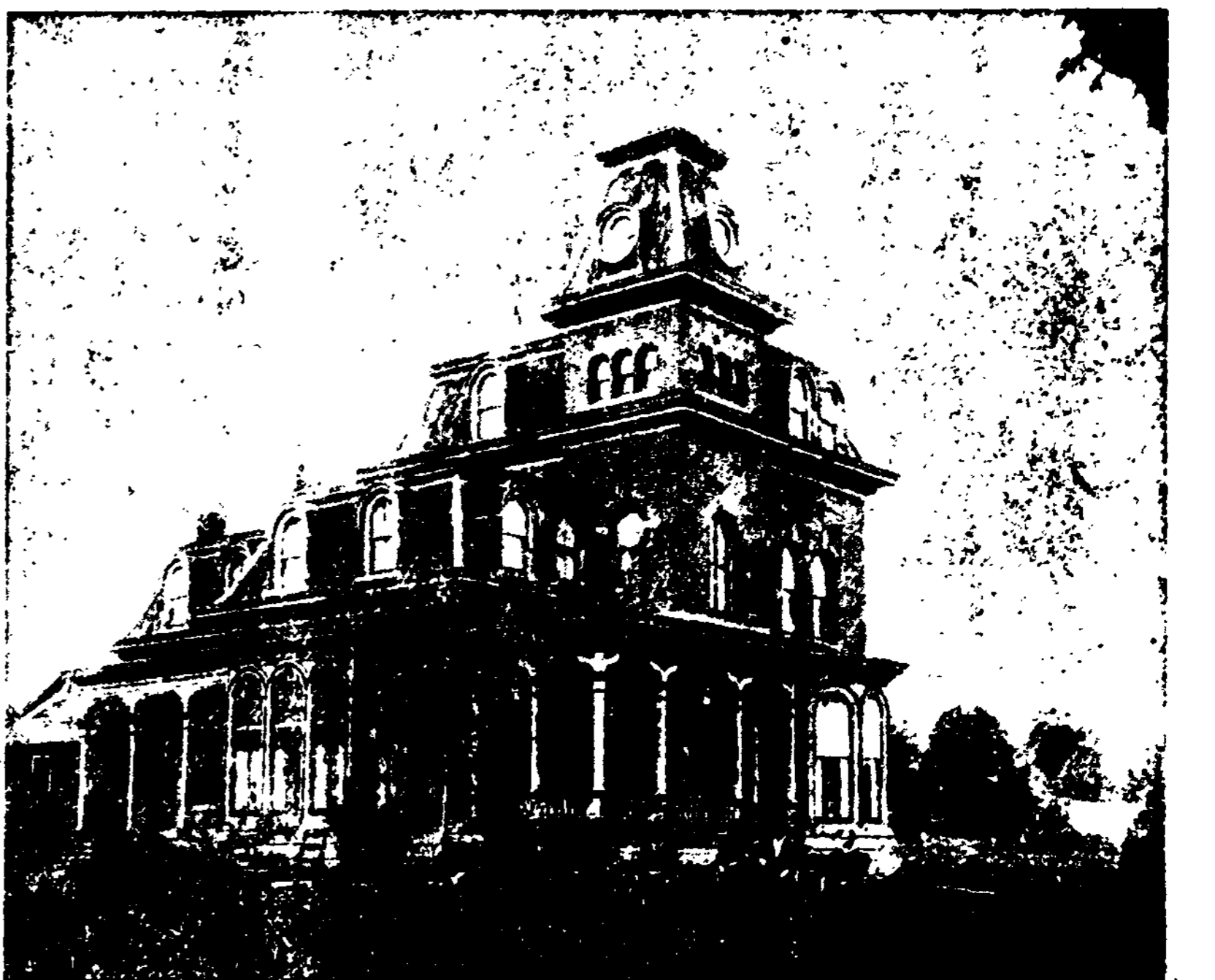
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Dr. Williams states that the discovery that the soul has weight is not new. That Andrew Jackson Davis gave that idea over 40 years ago...

Correspondent writes: Spiritualism is making good headway in Toronto, Canada. Mr. Harding and Mrs. Loveday are holding services Sunday evenings and are meeting with good success.

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Fifth Anniversary of Pastorate of Mrs. A. G. Atcheson at Niagara Falls.

At this time when so much is being said and written for and against settled speakers, it seems fitting that mention be made of an occasion bearing largely in favor of settling a speaker.

On Sunday, May 5th, at Niagara Falls the officers and members of the First Spiritual church of Niagara Falls, tendered a reception to, and held as an anniversary of the beginning of the sixth year's pastorate of Mrs. A. G. Atcheson of Buffalo, who has served five years, never having missed one Sunday, or the monthly seance held for the church.

Mr. H. W. Richardson, president of the N. Y. S. Association, Mrs. T. U. Reynolds, vice president, Mr. Hoyt, president of Temple society of Buffalo, and a large delegation from Buffalo including Mrs. Boland, Mrs. Simmons, one of the oldest Spiritualists, I think 84 years young, and she made this remark: "If I had the wealth of New York state, I would not take it in exchange for the knowledge I have of Spiritualism."

The afternoon meeting opened with congregational singing, followed by an invocation by Mrs. T. U. Reynolds, a song by Miss Mowry of Buffalo. Pres. Richardson was then introduced and gave some very apt and encouraging remarks, congratulating the society upon having Mrs. Atcheson as their pastor, and Mrs. Atcheson for having had the courage, ability and desire to bring the society to its present successful condition.

President Hoyt of the Buffalo society was then introduced and added many pleasant and profitable remarks. Mrs. Reynolds, who was at the Falls with Mrs. Atcheson when the society was started and organized, added some remarks fitting the occasion and regarding its growth.

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Signed, C. Sisson, Pres., Mrs. G. Larson Sec.

Rev. Ella Atcheson: Pastor of the First Spiritual church, Niagara Falls.

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Very Respectfully Mrs. J. GAUER, Mrs. Sisson, Mrs. Larson, Committee of Presentation.

BOSTON NOTE.

MRS. B. W. BELCHER

The Ladies Lyceum Union meets at Dwight hall, 514 Tremont street, every Wednesday. Business meeting 5 p. m., supper 6.15, evening meeting 7.45.

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