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MESSAGES TO BE PUBLISHED. Thursday, July 16. Invocation: Is not all Prophecy contrary to Natural Law?...

Invocation. Thou who art the Infinite Spirit of Life, thou who art beyond and above all forms of life, thou who art the Pilot of the human soul, thou who art forever with us and never forsaking us...

Religion the Result of Education. We shall call your attention this afternoon to a brief answer to the following question: "Is not all Religion the result of Education?"

It is well understood that all nations, people, tribes, kindred and tongues, have each had a religion peculiar to themselves. Certain modes of God-worship have been in existence since the beginning of intellectual life...

Isaac Morgan. I feel ashamed to be obliged to borrow a human body, for I willfully parted company with the one God gave me. It is exceedingly humiliating to be obliged to return, after years of absence from earth, and no knowledge that the last act of your earthly life was one you were ashamed of...

What did he mean? That education made religion? By no means. Education gives form to it, shapes it, but can by no means create religion, or the life of the form. The forms of life education may mold, but the life of the form it cannot create.

sciences, to become Catholic, in religious sentiments. The religious element forms itself according to the rules of the Romish Church, and the little one now become a Catholic. Religion assumes the form given it by education, but is not dependent upon education for its life...

Questions and Answers. Q.—It is recorded of Hermatimus, a prophet in ancient times, that his soul left his body and wandered into every part of the world, and while he was thus entranced, his wife supposed him dead, and had his body buried, according to the custom of the country...

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George F. Lothrop. Good afternoon! I wish to send a few thoughts to some friends I have at the South, and to some I have in this immediate vicinity. [We will do all we can for you.] A few months ago I was taken sick in camp, and was said to have died rather mysteriously. In fact, I believe that my attending surgeon was not able to determine the true cause of my sudden death.

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needs a reformation; you and I must come forward to the work like noble soldiers, and set well our feet in the path, wherever that path may be, and in due time we shall reap if we do not sow. Thus in the future, although it may be far, far ahead, a glorious triumph will be for the enjoyment of those who are to come after.

MIDNIGHT MUSINGS. BY MRS. AUGUSTA OSBOORN. Methinks I can see them beckoning, Those angel forms so bright, That have passed through Death's dark shadow, To a land of purer light. I can hear their loving voices Flout on the midnight air, Though my heart with grief is throbbing, When I see their vacant chair.

NATURE. The theory of Nature is one that has attracted attention in all ages, and it is one that will last through time, receiving the attention of all classes, in intellectual, in wisdom and knowledge, proving to those investigating minds that it is a study that will never grow old, but increase in beauty the more it is investigated, and the more we study the great book of Nature, the more we become interested, and the more we find the worth of this great volume which our dear Father has given to us.

Proof of Spirit-Presence. B. J. BUTTS.—Dear Friend: I last night received such decided proofs of the presence of friends who have passed from our outward sight, that, as the persons identified are known to many readers of your paper, you will confer a favor by giving the following substance.

A LEAF FROM MY DIARY. Language is too impotent and words too feeble to express the higher intuitions of the human soul. And why? Although Byron has said, "Words are things, and a small drop of ink falling like a dew upon a thought, produces that which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think," yet the word, when uttered, will fall to express the emotion within.

W. WOODLAND PICTURES.—There was something very inspiring and gay in the edges of these woods—the sunshine came filtering through the emerald roof, with such a golden strain, the color of the sky cut with such a jeweled transparency, and the air was so fresh and cool, here and there a faint shadow of the oak leaves, here and there a faint shadow of the air and gave such a depth of shadow in the brilliant lights of the sun and birds, those joyful birds, frolicking and rolling from sunlit shadow, so glad to have broken into the Summer, twittering and twittering, and set off by every slightest breeze into a flutter with now and then a gamecock's strut to whisper away—a man would need dye his conscience in the blackest heliophore before he could be seen beneath their rays. All day long there was what might be called the "parting of the ways," and then in an open field, the oak leaves, here and there a faint shadow of the air and gave such a depth of shadow in the brilliant lights of the sun and birds, those joyful birds, frolicking and rolling from sunlit shadow, so glad to have broken into the Summer, twittering and twittering, and set off by every slightest breeze into a flutter with now and then a gamecock's strut to whisper away—a man would need dye his conscience in the blackest heliophore before he could be seen beneath their rays.

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THE PICNIC GROVE MEETING AT ABRINGTON.

SPECIALLY BY MISS LIZZIE DOWEN, MISSER. BACON, WETHERBE, BAYDEN, DICKFORD, AND OTHERS.

[Reported for the Banner of Light.]

Picnics have been all the rage this season. Scarcely a day of pleasant weather has passed...

Mr. Bacon, on taking the platform, made a few remarks, and invited Mr. Lincoln, of Boston, to make the opening speech...

Dr. Hamilton recited one of his poetic productions, with good effect, which pleased the auditors.

Mr. Wetherbe then took the stand, and spoke in substance as follows: After referring to the history of Charles the Fifth...

She spoke substantially as follows: As I sat, but just now, in your midst, waiting for an influx of spiritual inspiration...

A Quaker lady had given public notice that she would lecture in one of the halls of the city. As this was rather an unusual occurrence...

It often happens, when I stand before an audience like this, that some individual soul, with its aspirations or experiences, takes fast hold upon my sympathies...

After Mr. Wetherbe closed, the Chairman announced that it had been voted to adjourn until one o'clock...

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Stroked on the head of a new infant, hampered in by just enough of reflection to call it second sight...

the subject of belief. Every thoughtful observer knows that, before, the matters of theology, the universal teachers, the all-sufficient test of character...

By virtue of your faith and knowledge Spiritualists are expected to "See with a narrow view, Think with a narrow thought, Live with a selfish aim."

Remarks by Mr. DICKFORD: Mr. Bickford, whom we never heard before, came next. He belongs in Boston, we believe, and is an inspirational speaker of no ordinary calibre...

Remarks by Miss DOWEN: My good friends, I cannot excuse myself from speaking to you upon this same plea, for when "the spirit" does not move me, I move myself...

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Mr. Wetherbe's closing speech: The closing speech was made by Mr. Wetherbe, who said some things which he spoke too lightly this morning of the distinguishing characteristics of modern Spiritualism...

ments cling to its own wherever it may be, whether in Time or Eternity. This is the lesson that I learn; and the strength which I resolve from one heart...

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