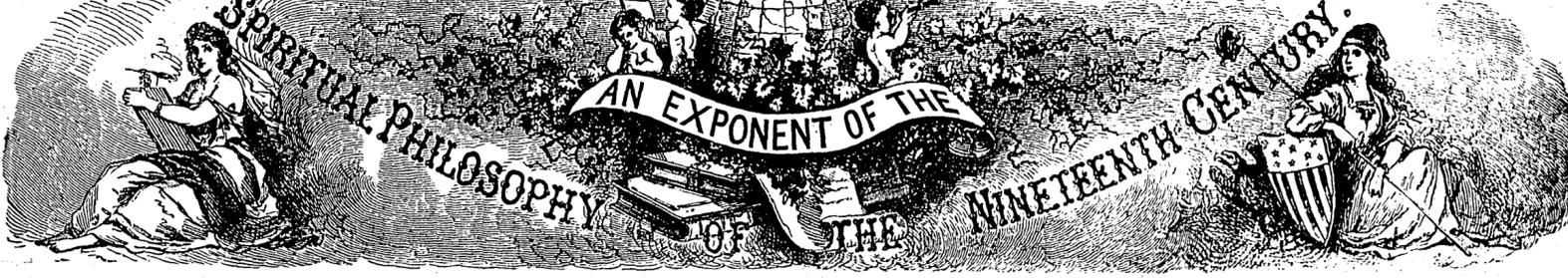


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## Spiritualism Abroad.

REVIEW OF OUR FOREIGN MONTHLY SPIRITUALISTIC EXCHANGES.

BY G. L. DITSON, M. D.

BEELGIUM.  
The various papers of this country are taken up quite largely with accounts of Dr. Slade's sances and mediumship, and generally without any marked disfavor. *L'Étoile* seems to have been an exception, borrowing from the Illustrated London News what it has to say upon the subject. It would appear that the editor of *L'Étoile* was invited by Dr. Slade to attend one of his sittings; but said editor preferred to trust to the London paper for his information. For this *La Chronique*, of Brussels, takes him to task, while it declares that the writing upon a slate, as arranged, guarded, scrutinized, in Slade's presence, could not have been done by any possible trickery.

The *Progres De Charleroi* has several columns devoted to a visit to Dr. Slade. A party was formed at Charleroi, consisting of the editor of the last named journal, a friend, and several ladies, one of whom, understanding English perfectly, acted as interpreter. The latter had given to her the *Étoile*, in which it was stated that Dr. Slade, for his tricks, had a piece of elastic fastened to his wrist, and a small piece of pencil under his finger nail. This was read to the Doctor, who, smiling, said, "Elastic pencil under nail," and at once bared his arm to the elbow and allowed the party to examine his finger nails. His feet and knees were also so disposed of as to give perfect confidence to the investigators. The usual phenomena then took place, with the addition that one of the ladies, proving to be a medium, was raised with her chair several inches from the floor.

The *Courrier De Bruxelles* gives also an editorial notice of Dr. Slade's mediumship. It says: "We had the advantage of visiting (giving a hit at *L'Étoile*) Dr. S., and though we are not prepared to pronounce upon the exact nature of the phenomena, they at all events remain inexplicable. We were alone, the Doctor and I, and a fragment of a pencil placed between two slates wrote three paragraphs sufficiently long (*trois phrases assez longues*): one in the Hollandish language, one in the English, and one in the French. The three writings were different; and the Doctor speaks only English, and during the writing did not move his fingers."

The *Moniteur*, of Brussels, gives an account of two important sances with Dr. Slade, in which, in the first, direct writing was had in two languages, and, in the second, in three languages. As this appears to me to be the most clear and satisfactory proof we can have that there is present an operating intelligence superior to that of the medium, I will give the communications just as they are printed in the *Moniteur*:

"Un homme sage est au dessus de toutes les injures qu'on peut lui dire. La grande réputation qu'on doit faire aux autres, c'est en modération et en patience. Y a-t-il rien de plus honnête que cette passion qui fait d'un homme une bête féroce?"

"We hope this will be proof to you of our power to come and write. I am yours truly,  
A. W. SLADE."

At the second sitting named, the following were given:

"Komt, stemmen wij met dankbaren zin.  
Ben liefd en die Schepier in.  
Die we er een Jaar ons heeft behoud  
En ons een nieuw beginnen doet."

"Il pleut sur le champ du juste comme sur celui du pêcheur.  
L. DE MUR.  
Investigate all things, and hold fast to that is good.  
A. W. SLADE."

From the *Progres De Charleroi* I will further quote a paragraph or two. Referring to the Catholic Congress recently held at Puy under the presidency of Mgr de Ségur, it says the following was announced: "The church has a right to defend itself otherwise than with words. She can pull down the insolence of her enemies by coercive measures, in accord with the propositions of the *Syllabus*." The *Progres* adds: "Here is at least frankness. From this to the establishment of the Inquisition there is but a step."

In a trial before the civil tribunal of Gaud, one speaker said: "When one sincerely believes in the infallibility of popes, one is well tempted, almost fatally led to consider them incapable of sin. And if we look into the history of the popes what failings is it not necessary to hide from the people?"

*La Chronique* says, under the head of *Acta Sanctorum*: "The correctional tribunal of Beaune has just adjudged the *abbé Fitte* guilty of theft,

and sentenced him to two years' imprisonment." He occupied furnished rooms in the house of one Bolstol, from whom he purloined money.

*Le Messager* of Liege (Aug. 15th) devotes also several columns to Dr. Slade. Besides witnessing phenomena such as have been named above, a spirit hand was distinctly seen by gentlemen of intelligence. The sances appear to have been perfectly satisfactory to every visitor. The *Messenger* quotes from the *Banner* an interesting paragraph which appeared there as a sentiment from Rev. W. H. H. Murray.

A Brussels paper reports the death of a young girl whose agony was of the most painful nature. She continually cried out that some one was beating her, and her whole body bore traces of such abuse.

## FRANCE.

Among other interesting matter to be noticed further on, I find in the *Revue Spirite* (September number) some verses from an Arabic poet\* who lived in the latter part of the twelfth century: "When I am robed in the habiliments of the grave my friends will weep for me. Say to them that this insensible *cadavre* is not me. It is my body, but I no longer dwell in it. I am now a life that is inextinguishable. The remains they contemplate have been my temporary resting-place, my clothing for a day. I am the bird, the corpse was my cage. I have unfolded my wings and fled my prison. I am the pearl, it was the shell, now of no value. My voyage is terminated, I leave you in exile. Leave to fall into ruins my habitation. Break my cage. Let the shell perish with the illusions of earth. Do not say of the dead this is death, for it is in reality the veritable life, the end of our ardent desires."

"A reply to Mr. Tounier, on the Infinite, God, Creation," is a lengthy and valuable contribution in the present number of the *Revue*. The writer has occasion to quote largely from Allan Kardec, while replying to garbled or partial extracts, the wrestling matter from its context which is a favorite mode of attack of our enemies. He has to reply to such statements as these: "We cannot go only whence we came, return to that which we have been"; a desolate theory, says the respondent.

A new writing medium has appeared in France, in the *Grande*, who attracts no little attention from the fact that, of himself, he knows nothing about the art of penmanship—never having learned it: "Do not be astonished, dear readers," says the editor of the *Revue*, "to find here with an orthography a little ordinary the letter of M. F. Chatelet. Our friend and brother in the faith does not know how to write, and in opposition to his parents in 1867 he was incited to write mediocrity the following letter. Here is proof of rare good sense in an unlettered person, of a wisdom anterior (or superior) to this existence," &c. The two letters following contain forty-eight lines, have many antique words, it appears to me, and a spelling and combination of words that must awaken considerable interest, while their sentiments are lofty and impressive. It seems also that he now speaks as if learned, and has the gift of healing.

A new rapping medium has also been discovered in the village of Chauvirey, Cote-d'Or. A little girl about thirteen years of age is the unconscious object of alarm which has spread far and wide. The noise begins when she retires to bed; sometimes it is at first like a scratching with the finger nails; then it increases in volume till it resembles the sound of revolving mill-wheels. The clergy and the gendarmes have, as usual, been called in, but cannot account for the phenomenon—a phenomenon which continues when the feet and hands of the girl are held fast, and which has now for about two months and a half defied the scrutiny of all her visitors.

The *Revue* publishes a letter from Brussels concerning Mr. Slade's visit and sances in that city. I need not translate it, since it is only a repetition of what I have already given above from other publications of Belgium.

Following this are two short reviews of "Hafed, Prince of Persia." One writer calls it splendid; the other, Marie Bourdin, relates what appears in the fore part of the work. It certainly fills up very rationally that portion of the life of Christ which in biblical history is left a blank. One reader suggests, however, that if Christ had such power over a multitude at one place, he should not have been afraid of robbers in another, and hence make a long detour in a certain journey undertaken with Hafed.

What next? There is to be found also in the *Revue* the following circumstance, verified by seven persons, whose names are appended to the letter bearing the account, and dated Mans, 7th August, 1877: "Under the globe of a clock is a portrait of a lady, deceased fourteen months since, with that of a grandchild four and a half years old. About the 27th of July last, epoch of the fifty-fourth anniversary of the grandmother, a little branch of dry flowers, of which it is difficult to ascertain the species, was discovered between the head of the grandmother and the child, and adorned with tiny leaves which seem yet green. The flowers are of an indefinite color, and resemble those made of hair."

## MEXICO.

The present number of *La Ilustracion Espiritista*,

\*The full text of this remarkable production will be found under the head "Arabian's Message from Paradise," in "Poems of the Life Beyond and Within," compiled by G. H. Stoddard, Esq., and just published by Colby & Rich, No. 9 Montgomery Place, Boston.—(Ed. B. of L.)

of Mexico, opens with an "Historical Study of Dogmas," which, as it is to be continued, will be an interesting feature of the magazine. It is by the able writer, Don Juan Cordero, who will, by the force of his arguments, his genius, but perhaps more than all by his fierce denunciations of Catholicism and its agents, arouse the attention of the world.

The *Ilustracion* has also an article on false mediums. Don Palet had written several articles on this subject, but as he had departed this life it was supposed that his contributions had ceased. But not so. He continues to present his views concerning these debased individuals, and now says he will also communicate something on false spirits and their various manifestations.

Following the above are noticeable articles on the proposed "International Congress," so earnestly advocated by the Viscount de Torres-Solano; a lengthy poem by Dona Amalia Soler; "Neither Clericalism nor Atheism"; classification of vegetables as a part of "Creation," &c., and "Miscellaneous," in which are named forticoming works by A. V. D., Lex et Lux, E. Hardinge Britten, Geo. Wentz, Emma Tuttle, L. B. Sayles and Buddha. Washington A. Dankskin is also mentioned as receiving the title of Doctor in Sciences; Messrs. Cooper, Carpenter and Wellington as speaking at Parker Memorial Hall, while the *Banner* of Light is highly commended as being "as usual interesting and rich in material, and for speaking of the *Ilustracion Espiritista* in eulogistic phrases, which it would gladly in like manner bestow upon the *Banner* were it competent to do so."

*La Ley de Amor* of Merida, Yucatan, is also at hand. It opens its little pages by an able response to *El Heraldito*, a Christian periodical of Toluca (Mexico), and says: "We will dedicate our editorial to this interesting periodical, and reply to those lines in which, under the title of 'Spiritualism and the Bible,' it impugns the following phrases of the *Ley de Amor*, No. II: 'It is always well for all to consult the books of the Old and the New Testament, in whose pages are to be found useful teachings and the most complete confirmations of Spiritualism.' And if the *Heraldito* is not convinced of its errors and the foolishness of such assertions as this which it makes—"In the Bible is to be found no other Spiritualism than the diabolical"—then it is more obtuse or bigoted than befits a public instructor.

From the frontiers of Tobasco comes a complimentary letter to the *Ley*, in which the writer, J. C. Diaz, says: "I am persuaded that your periodical will be a great help in liberating the people from their religious fanaticism," &c. The spirit of G. Canton continues also in the *Ley* his notable articles on "The Importance of Education," following which is a notice of the stirring declaration of the Presbiter D. Yzcolquitz that there is no personal devil, and that the Catholic Church has never maintained the absurd idea, except to aid in the conversion of sinners.

## SOUTH AMERICA.

The present number of *Revista Espiritista*, of Montevideo, is a continuation of a former article on the "Existence of God." "Does God exist? Here is a question," says the author, "which has been asked in all times and in all idioms, and is still a question on the earth." His principal point in response is, that effects cannot exist without a cause; but space forbids any extracts from his judicious exposition of the subject. "The Angel Guardian" gives here also several agreeable communications. These are followed by an editorial on theological doctrines and dogmas which, when bared to the simple truth, are only repulsive skeletons.

No new numbers of *El Eco De America*, of Buenos Ayres, have come to hand; but if space permitted, those formerly received would furnish me with ample valuable material for the *Banner*, though not especially spiritualistic. The *Eco*, as I have heretofore said, is one of the handsomest periodicals anywhere published. It is of quarto form, appears every Thursday and Sunday, has a brilliant colored cover, and has for its principal contributor (if not its editor) the distinguished writer, Dr. José Agustín de Escudero.

## SPAIN.

*El Criterio Espiritista*, of Madrid, September number, is, as usual, very full of good material. "Communication of the invisible with the visible world" is its first article, in which it is proposed to give such proofs on this subject as are sustained by science. This is followed by a translation from *De Iots* of an interesting treatise on "Spiritualism and Magnetism" (which I think I formerly noticed from said paper); "The Immortal Substance of the Human Organism" (continued); "Words from Beyond the Tomb," and valuable "Miscellany." Among the latter are an account of Prof. Hall's discovery of the satellites of Mars (by mistake called Saturn); of the invention of the telephone, and Prof. Varley's improvements of the same, by which music is transmitted; that the Viscount Solano will not return to Madrid till the end of the month; that the President of the "Espiritista Española" is also absent in Italy as an engineer, employed by the government; that the distinguished widow of Navarez, lady marquis of N., an enthusiastic sister of our faith, has left Madrid for Cadiz; that the periodical *El Espiritismo*, of Seville, has published an interesting article on "States of Spiritualism"; that *La Revelacion*, of Alicante, has several communications, *luminosas*, from the brilliant pen of Sr. Castelar; that the priest Mantierola was to publish a book that was to draw the editor (*of El Criterio*) from his *reputand errors*; that Mr. Millson (as per *Banner*) had painted a large spirit picture; that Messrs. Bastian and Taylor are with Mrs. Andrews, at Cayuga Lake; that Dr. Peebles (as per *Banner*)

is again voyaging; that Dr. J. R. Newton is making wonderful cures; that "the grand work of the celebrated *psicologista*," M. Blyatsky, is to appear in the autumn; and, "judging from its title, it will awaken much interest"; that Miss Lottie Fowler continues her excellent manifestations; J. V. Mansfield, D. C. Dake, T. G. Forster and J. Wm. Fletcher, also; that the Princess Jorga de Solmes had had wonderful manifestations in the house of Mrs. Macdougall Gregory; that the phenomena with Prince Wittgenstein will be noticed hereafter; that the Baron and Baroness Von Vay had received a veritable ovation in the *salons* of the National Association of Spiritualists in London; that Mr. Foster and Dr. Slade are each very successful in their modes of manifestations; that the Herald of Boston says that in Chicago and suburbs there are more than a thousand mediums; that in Smyrna and Marseilles wonderful phenomena occurred in the presence of mediumistic children only three or four years of age, and that in Puerto Rico the believers in the psychological doctrine were suffering persecution, arising in the people's ignorance, which is sustained by the priests.

## ITALY.

*Annali Dello Spiritalismo*, of Turin, has thirty-one pages of such matter as may well claim profound consideration. Its first article embraces phenomena as explained by Dr. Schiff, with the opinion of Drs. Jobert de Lamballe, Velpeau and Cloquet. Then follows Miss Blackwell's Prize Essay (in part); a "Tangible Apparition in Corfu"; "Relations" and "Minor notices, which will be referred to in my next.

## Foreign Correspondence.

A SECOND PILGRIMAGE AROUND THE WORLD: THE SOUTHERN ROUTE.

BY J. M. PEEBLES.

NUMBER IV.

To the Editor of the *Banner of Light*:  
"My purpose holds  
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths  
Of all the Western stars—  
If only he that sees with such a down:  
It may be we shall touch the happy Isles."

On the 16th of July, stepping aboard the stately steamer *Bangalore*, I sailed away from dear friends in Melbourne—away from the sunny skies of Colonial Australia—away westward upon the white-capped waters and around among those evergreen isles that stud and crown the Southern seas; and westward in all those regions of the Pacific ocean, to Anglo-Saxons, homeward-bound. How delightful the associations that kindle up at the mention of the word home! and how keen is the struggle between the desire to teach the harmonious philosophy to all nationalities and races, and the cozy comforts of the home-circle! Not my will, but thine, oh God and angels, be done.

Life has many sides. The great souls of history were not the quiet contemplators; nor those who shut themselves away from their fellows in cloisters gray and grim; nor the ease-loving, who tarried under the old roof-tree that shaded the village home; but those who, ended with the spirit, came down from the mount of vision, and went out to far the pulses of the world; those who have carried its burdens in their hearts, and its scars upon their bosoms; those who, persecuted and slandered, have still trod its thorny way and taught the common people; those who, with faces of serene endurance, and souls of lofty self-denial, have patiently walked the earth with blistered feet, and in the end gone up martyr-like—*ay, gone up* to wear robes of whiteness, and the stary crowns they so richly merited!

## AUSTRALIAN REMINISCENCES.

Before taking a pen-leaving of this Island Continent, I must remind my countrymen that with square miles of territory nearly equal to the whole of Europe, with a most enjoyable climate, with almost inexhaustible resources, Australia necessarily must become, after the federation of the different colonies, a great independent oceanic nation. And then, considering her gold, her wool, wines, timbers, fruits and agricultural products, her position and future destiny in the family of nationalities cannot well be over-estimated.

Riding out into the country from the sea-shore cities by railway, English in style of course, one could easily fancy himself in America were it not for the difference of the foliage. Instead of the maple, the oak, the ash and the elm, and the solemn magnificence of vast pine forests, one sees the everlasting eucalyptus—otherwise expressed: dingy, bark-dangling *gum trees*, with small, scanty, yet deep-green medicinal leaves. The timber of the tree is valuable, and the oil distilled therefrom has already become quite a famous medicine. Many of the so-called waste-lands of Australia could be made by irrigation to blossom as the rose.

## POLITICAL MATTERS.

Politics flamed up to a fever heat during the late elections in Victoria. I watched them with considerable interest; and if American politicians are at times coarse, Victorian politicians are absolutely low and vulgar. Their public meetings often degenerated into such brawls that opposition candidates actually failed to get a hearing. But let the Melbourne press tell its own tale:

"Mr. Langton was announced to address the electors of West Melbourne last evening at Stewart's Hotel, Spencer street, but he did not suc-

ceed in placing his views before them. His appearance was the signal for loud groans and booing, but the confusion at this point was nothing compared to what ensued when he essayed to speak. After about half an hour had been wasted in this way, the candidate left the room and proceeded up-stairs amid the wildest excitement, when a shower of missiles, comprising tomatoes, eggs and other such articles, was directed toward the window at which the candidate and some of his friends were standing. On his coming outside he was again treated in the same way as before, the whole body of electors assembled being in booing and hissing. As he walked up the street with his friends, he was followed by a portion of the crowd, who continued to groan at and hiss him."

Compulsory education, land taxation, tariff and free-trade were among the questions entering into the canvass. It is well for a colony or country in its infancy to claim protection, but what is becoming to the weakness and babyhood of a nation is not its method. The whole world will ultimately adopt free trade, as it will one standard of currency; one system of weights and measures; one universal language; and one government—and that a republic of peace and justice; of equality and mutual confidence.

Australians looking at their representatives in Parliament, and Americans at their Congressmen, may say with Tenneyson:

"Al! God! for a man with heart, head, hand,  
Like some of the simple, great ones gone  
Forever and forever by,  
One still, strong man to a distant land,  
Whatever they call him, what care I—  
Aye, great, demerit, nobility, care  
Who can rule, and dare not lie."

## SPIRITUALISTIC PROGRESS.

Relative to Spiritualism and its divine principles public sentiment has changed rapidly, and for the better, during the past five years. Upon my late public appearance in Melbourne, the Hon. John McEwen, Ex-Mayor of the city, and Commissioner to our Centennial Exhibition, took the chair, introducing me to the audience. On my previous visit some of the Spiritualists seemed a little timid. They preferred being called investigators, remaining a good distance from the front. Then my traveling companion, Dr. Dunn, was misrepresented and meanly vilified in the city journals; while I was hissed in the market, caricatured in Punch, burlesqued in a theatre, and published in the daily press as an "ignorant Yankee," an "American trickster," a "long-haired up-fate," and a "most embarrassing blasphemer!" But how changed! Recently the secular press treated me fairly. Even the usually abusive Telegraph published Mr. Stevenson's article assuring the Rev. Mr. Green that I was willing to meet him at once in a public discussion. The *Melbourne Argus*, one of the best daily papers in the world, the *Australian*, the *Herald*, and the *Age*, all dealt honorably by me, reporting my lectures, if briefly, with admirable impartiality. The press is a reflector; and those audiences of 2000 and 2500 in the great Opera House on each Sunday for several successive months were not without a most striking moral significance. It seemed to be the general opinion that Spiritualism had never before occupied so prominent, yet so favorable a position in the eyes of the public. With due energy, with wisdom in the management, and harmony among Spiritualists themselves, the future of the movement will be as easy as it is certain of victory.

## A SPIRITUALIST ORGANIZATION.

There was organized in Melbourne just previous to my departure a society of Spiritualists with an effective corps of working officers. And I may further report that they have regular Sunday lectures in Masonic Hall by Mrs. Florence Williams, a very intellectual lady, and daughter of Mr. James, a well known English author. Therefore, with such an able journal as the *Banner of Light*, conducted by that indefatigable worker and healer, Mr. Terry; with such a stirring, enterprising Lyceum, so well officered; with such an eloquent speaker as Mrs. Williams; with such a zealous sower of tracts as Mr. Brown; and such excellent mediums as may be found in the city, the sure if not the speedy victory of Spiritualism is a certainty. I just spoke of Melbourne mediums; and though I have been a student of the spiritual phenomena for twenty-five years; though I have traveled in nearly all foreign countries, and am now, under spirit guidance, putting a second magnetic belt around the globe, I have never heard such rapidly expressed, and at the same time eloquent trance utterances drop from human lips as from those of a cultured young gentleman residing in the suburbs of Melbourne. The "New Pilgrim's Progress" was written through his hand in the trance state.

## KINDNESSES OF THE VICTORIAN SPIRITUALISTS.

The more intimately one knows, the more highly is he necessitated to esteem the Melbourne Spiritualists. And while my first visit to this country gave me valuable acquaintances, this latter yielded such priceless treasures as true and abiding *riendshps*—and oh, sacred words these, *friendshps* and *friendships*! These friends would not under any consideration permit me to stop at hotels, or put up with the cold, unsympathetic and selfish accommodations of a city boarding-house. The hospitalities so delicately yet cordially tendered by the Partons, Terrys, Andrews and Stanfords will ever be remembered as bright and beautiful ones in a far off land.

The presentation to me of the Lyceum Album, with its hundred smiling faces; the magnificent address read in the Opera House and elegantly transcribed upon parchment; the well-filled purse; the watch and chain; and other choice mementoes and keepsakes, symbolized not only appreciation, but continue to tell their meaning stories of fraternal love and mutual confidence. And then, that last day in Melbourne—the last hour—and that standing amid strangers upon the steamer, and looking off upon a group

of some thirty or more of kind faithful souls who had come down by railway...

THOMAS W. STANFORD AND AUSTRALIAN ART. Come and stroll with me in Fitzroy Gardens...

Only a few days after I had sat down as a guest at the Mayor's supper...

THE VANISHING BLACK MEN OF AUSTRALIA. Our remaining North American Indians bear about the same relation to the original red men of America...

And here I am reminded that a London author and two or three American writers—all anxious to prove their apotheosis—have said that the "Australian blacks have no calves to their legs."

Such blunders excite the pity of all erudite men. It is said that "seeing is knowing" and, having seen numbers of Australian blacks at King George's Sound...

"The fact that the intelligence of the Australians is by no means contemptible, has only been recognized since we have gained an insight into their languages."

ADELAIDE, CAPITAL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA. Glenelg—the first place the Bangalore stopped after leaving Melbourne—is a pleasant little seaport town...

The southern part of this colony, wonderfully productive, is said to raise the finest wheat in the world.

stream, while the Murray, a good way to the north, is a magnificent river and navigable for a very long distance.

Spiritualism has made as yet but very little headway in this colony. The Unitarians have a prosperous church. The South Australians need such a test medium as Mrs. Ada Faye, of San Francisco.

At King George's Sound, Western Australia, we stopped twenty-four hours for coal and cargo, and then steamed direct toward Ceylon—sacred Isle to Buddhists...

July 25th.—Beneath gorgeous skies, fanned by soft trade winds, we glide daily over the smooth waters of the Indian Ocean...

July 26th.—Just before sailing, friends presented me several volumes of books. I purchased others, treating largely of the genesis of man, the power of intellect, metaphysics...

July 27th, 12 o'clock, latitude 0°, 38' longitude 80° 30'.—Today we crossed the equator. The weather is humid and hot.

August 1st.—We reached Ceylon this morning. The harbor is neither safe nor capacious. The city, Point de Galle, numbering some five thousand inhabitants...

Point de Galle, Ceylon.

THE DEVIL. He walks the streets in broadcloth clad, No clown he looks, 't is he, he's bold and bold; His feet in patent leather bright, He wears a hat of black and white...

Under the old regime, the decess of which is by no means antiquated, it was deemed unfashionable for a woman to use the faculties that God had endowed her with for the alleviation of suffering humanity...

Spiritual Phenomena.

REMARKABLE INSTANCE OF SPIRIT POWER.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

On the night of the 11th and 12th inst. my daughter, Gertrude Minturn Hazard, passed to spirit life through her own irresponsible act.

My daughter's remains were interred on the 11th inst. in the family burying-ground at Vaucluse, by the side of her elder sister—who but recently passed from earth-life—and on the 19th inst. (but five days afterward) I called on Mrs. Bliven, No. 19 Broadway, Providence, R. I.

Immediately after the close of the Lake Pleasant Camp Meeting it was suggested that Mrs. Twing come to Deerfield and spend a day or two among those who might wish to know more of the Philosophy of Spiritualism.

Mrs. Twing is well known among Spiritualists as one of the best writing mediums. When comfortably seated in the room it was suggested that any person might write on a slip of paper the name of any deeply cherished deceased friend.

After Pequa retired the medium's features became painfully distorted, and I soon saw that the spirit of my recently deceased child was personating most graphically the mortal struggles that took place whilst the soul was freeing itself from the body whilst it was in the water.

After a time the muscles of the medium's face relaxed and became more placid, whilst the monosyllables and short sentences that fell occasionally from her lips denoted that the spirit in control was gradually acquiring a consciousness of its new relations with earth-life.

"Yes! yes! I see! dear father, I see! Oh, my dear father, the fever so burned within my brain that I was forced to throw myself—to try myself down in the water to get rid of life!"

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This spirit went on to say that there was never a flower that faded on earth but what blossomed again in the spirit-world, and that they then continue to increase in newly added beauty and fragrance throughout eternity...

grance throughout eternity, just in proportion as the spirits of mortal men and women who delight in them progress onward and upward.

After Paulina Davis retired, a succession of spirits, including my daughter's mother, sisters, an aunt, and other spirits, spoke beautifully through the organs of the medium; the language of all going to show that there was indeed "Joy in heaven" on the advent and reception of the glorious spirit who had earned so bright a crown for herself in Heaven...

The influence that controlled the medium was so powerful that her most efficient spirit Indian guides found it difficult to disentrance her; and even after Mrs. Bliven left her seat and went into another room, she was suddenly entranced again by the spirit of Aecha Sprague...

Vaucluse, R. I., Sept. 24th, 1877.

MRS. CARRIE E. B. TWING AT DEERFIELD, MASS.

To the Editor of the Banner of Light:

Immediately after the close of the Lake Pleasant Camp Meeting it was suggested that Mrs. Twing come to Deerfield and spend a day or two among those who might wish to know more of the Philosophy of Spiritualism.

Mrs. Twing is well known among Spiritualists as one of the best writing mediums. When comfortably seated in the room it was suggested that any person might write on a slip of paper the name of any deeply cherished deceased friend.

After Pequa retired the medium's features became painfully distorted, and I soon saw that the spirit of my recently deceased child was personating most graphically the mortal struggles that took place whilst the soul was freeing itself from the body whilst it was in the water.

After a time the muscles of the medium's face relaxed and became more placid, whilst the monosyllables and short sentences that fell occasionally from her lips denoted that the spirit in control was gradually acquiring a consciousness of its new relations with earth-life.

"Yes! yes! I see! dear father, I see! Oh, my dear father, the fever so burned within my brain that I was forced to throw myself—to try myself down in the water to get rid of life!"

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This spirit went on to say that there was never a flower that faded on earth but what blossomed again in the spirit-world, and that they then continue to increase in newly added beauty and fragrance throughout eternity...

Hendee in the hall I inquired of Mrs. Staley's whereabouts, &c. She said she thought she would be in soon, and invited me to take a seat in her room until Mrs. Staley returned.

She then said, "There is now a spirit who does not materialize distinctly enough for me to describe him, but he is holding out for you a singular picture. It is not a photograph, daguerreotype, or like any picture I ever saw."

Who but my father could have brought this stranger, at this unexpected meeting, to have thus accurately described that likeness of him then at the old earth home?

If Dr. Carpenter, the advocate of ignorance, cannot comprehend how clairvoyants can see and read material things with the inner sight, how will he explain this more wonderful power by which my father could hold before my face his likeness, which was then three thousand miles away?

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 10th, 1877.

Clairvoyance Triumphant.

It appears from the Daily Republican, from which we glean the fact, that the truths of Spiritualism have been vindicated at Winona, Minn., through the mediumship of Mrs. Francis Cone.

Here we have a medium demonstrating the power of the spirit-world to point out the body of a drowned man, showing that nothing can be concealed from the vision of spirits; all that is required by them being proper conditions to accomplish the object desired.

Gone, and Yet Not Gone.

Passed to the higher life, Aug. 31st, the brave and noble spirit of Miss S. S. Sktinner, after several weeks of terrible pain and suffering, during which she contemplated the separation of the immortal and mortal with serene, nay, longed for it as a happy release and an advent to a sphere where the ills and weaknesses of the flesh would no more vex and harass the spirit.

A memorial service was held in this city Friday evening, the 14th inst., by the Progressive Union, tributes to the worth, faith and unselfish devotion of our sister being paid by several members, the interest being heightened by appropriate songs by the choir.

Whereas, in the fulfillment of a natural law, we have been called upon to see one of our members, Miss S. S. Sktinner, pass from this life to that better one beyond, where she will be a member of that great Progressive Union whose power and means of doing good are unlimited...

Resolved, That while we regret the loss of her presence, we rejoice in the belief that she is happy in her spirit home; that we will keep in sweet remembrance the many pleasant hours we have spent with her.

Providence, Sept. 21st, 1877.

"Mother Shipton."

In Peppy's "Memoirs and Diary," page 333, Shipton's prophecies are referred to as bearing upon the great fire in London which occurred in 1666. I saw a quotation from an English paper in the Banner of Light calling for printed notice of the prophecy prior to 1860.

When is a ship properly in love? When she is tender to a man of war.









of love and harmony. When I went out from this city, and learned that which I had condemned in the past and had looked upon as heresy was really a truth, it seemed to me as if I could not and would not endorse it; but as the days and months have rolled on, and I have clasped the hands of those who were my nearest and dearest friends on earth, and understood me fully and loved me, and I have seen the pure and true love, and had them say to me, "I have been to earth and communicated; and if you, too, will go it will help you and others, and will strengthen those who are weak, assist those who are wandering and know not which way to go," then I said, "If you can make it seem to me that this thing is right, I will go and speak through the instrument that is said to be at the Banner of Light Circle." I have come to-day, good friends, with a strong desire to aid any who may need my presence, and to say that that religion which was so near and dear to me I have found to be a fallacy. I find not the heaven I expected, nor the city I expected. I find it a real, tangible world, where we live, move, and have our being, and where we are accounted creatures. I find that my work is a long one; to bring others out of the darkness, to assist in bringing them into the light. The angels will strengthen and guide me. I am truly glad of the work, and although I must say it is something of a cross for me to come here yet, yet I bear it well, for I know whereof I speak.

I now know this great Philosophy of Spiritualism is a truth, for I do not stand before you today, and am not speaking of my own self; I feel that it is possible I may reach some poor sinking souls who are wondering whether this is a truth or not, and to that I would say: "Rejoice, beloved ones; rejoice, and be exceeding glad; feel that there is a great and mighty power above you." To one that was a son unto me, oh, may he feel the inspiration on Sundays as he proclaims the great Father's will. And may I be enabled to reach some of my friends so affectionately that they may look at this Spiritual Philosophy not as something of slight importance but as a real truth, and feel that they must live a spiritual life if they would have a reward in coming time. I give my name as Ann Eliza Sanford, of Boston.

of the grand universe in which I am a dweller.

This law of coming to earth again has attracted me, and I have availed myself of the opportunity to speak—not from the silent grave—but through the lips of another. Accept or reject. You are free to act.

**James Wright**

Am I mortal or am I immortal? Whence did I come, and whither am I going? My name, if memory and consciousness hold, was James Wright. I was thrown from my own vehicle, and as soon as my head struck the pavement consciousness was gone until death claimed me. Facts are stubborn. I lived in former days on Dayton street, St. Louis. My body was taken to St. Bridget Church, St. Louis. Friends and kindred stood around and mourned my loss. They did not know that I was hovering directly above them, but there I was, weak and feeble, only able to see, not to speak. Oh, I expect it was a terrible blow to those who looked to me for protection. I knew it was useless to mourn, I therefore threw my thoughts into a different channel. I asked for some kind angel to come and lead me into the sunshine, for I was cold, chilly and lonely. They came. Kind friends, believe me; I am not falsifying. They led me into a place of calm repose; they laid me down; I slept. When I awoke the fragrance of the flowers filled me with life and strength and buoyancy. I gathered up my garments and I followed the one who beckoned me on, and on and on we went until we came to a river. "There," said he, "view thyself—the mortal and the immortal; the house not made with hands and the house made with hands—Take your choice."

I viewed my mansion, and I said, "Give me the home of the angels." Thus now I stand robed for the better land, free as the little birds, without a care, without a sorrow; for I know all in good time my kindred will come to me. The other side of life, oh my friends, is no idle dream, but a place of beauty, a place of grandeur, where the voice of the spirit never ceases to give expression to the joys that surround it.

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So weep not, nor mourn the death that by accident was mine. With this request I will leave the narrative for the present, hoping to have a chance to open other pages in which I can speak more fully.

**MESSAGES FROM THE SPIRIT-WORLD**  
GIVEN THROUGH THE MEDIUMSHIP OF  
**MRS. SARAH A. DANSKIN.**

**Mrs. Danskin's Mediumistic Experiences.**  
(Part Eighty-One.)

BY WASH. A. DANSKIN.

In some of my earlier reminiscences I have referred to a young lady named Rosa, who was the wife of my adopted son. She was, when married, a most earnest adherent of the Roman Catholic Church. Her father, an officer in the U. S. Army, was so imbued with the devotion to his religion that he had no tolerance for any religious opinions that differed from his own. The entire family were alike in this respect, and it was a cause of almost consternation among them when Rosa, under the light of Spiritualism which she had received at our circles, refused the consolations and ceremonies of the Church in her last illness.

I refer again to these facts to introduce an incident illustrating the tenacity with which a spirit reared under such influences as predominated in this family, will cling to early impressions after having laid aside the mortal covering.

Some six months after Rosa had passed to spirit-life she controlled Mrs. Danskin one evening, and said to me: "Joseph, my brother, will soon be taken from the earth. I was startled by the prediction, and asked by what means he would be carried off. He was at the time, as I thought, in command of one of the gunboats on the coast of Florida. It was during the war. She declined to answer my question, but requested me to make a note of what she had said. I did so, and was left with the impression that she might take the fever to which the Florida coast was subject, and thus fulfill the prediction. Several weeks had passed, when, looking at the paper, I saw an account of the explosion of a boiler in a new gunboat, just completed at Chester, Pa., and the killing of Joseph Cahill, who had been ordered from his post in the Florida waters to superintend the construction of this vessel.

He was a young man of many noble qualities, and I was gratified when, some two weeks after the accident, his spirit announced his name through the mediumship of Mrs. Danskin.

He had been very much attached to his sister; and after some preliminary conversation he, with much feeling, asserted that I had been instrumental in withdrawing her from the companionship of her family and the protection of the Church. He said that all the members of the family, except his sister, were now grouped together in the spirit world in close communion with and sheltered by that holy Catholic Church that had given him instruction and guidance in the earth-life. I allowed him without interruption to give expression to his feelings, and then said, "Joseph, have you seen Rosa since your entrance into the spirit-world?" "Oh, yes," said he. "What was her appearance?" "As radiant, beautiful I had to veil my eyes in her presence."

I rejoined, "Then she, at least, has not lost anything by being separated from the family and withdrawn from the protection of the Church."

I think this was a fair inference.

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