





Reported for The Better Way.

OCCULT SCIENCE - SWEDENBORGIANISM.

The Sunday morning lecture, December, 17th, at the Independent Club, Brooklyn, N. Y., by Mr. J. W. Fletcher, was upon the above two subjects.

The deluge represents God as having repented that he had made the world, and the whole story seems so unlikely that we hardly know how to entertain it.

stop in this little congregation, but we would hunt through the churches and through society. It has outlived its enemies and some of its friends, and will most assuredly become the religion of the world.

JEW AND CHRISTIAN MEET.

To the Editor of The Better Way:

That meeting lately held in this city of the Jews and the Christians, not Gentiles this time, nor barbarians, to consult on the present and future of the Jewish race, was a most curious affair.

and Constantinople, once the seat of the holy church, triumphant in the power of Michael, unbelieving Turks. Oh, yes this God once stirred up all Christians to pray and take arms against these infidels and wrest these holy lands from their sway.

Now, I hear another voice saying, in closing a long harangue, "May God speed the day." That is his own prayer, and a prayer to his Christ god—that he will hastily put out the Saracens, carry these poor, wandering, homeless Jews back there; set them to work to, maybe get Christians and barbarians to work for them "and rebuild the waste places of Zion."

And now I hear another voice, and 'tis that of a Jew telling how much good, even in their wanderings, they have done to the world—their wise men, their financiers, musicians, statesmen, scholars, etc.

Yes, I said, after all thanks for so much, if they will meet and consult without quarrelling, some good will come of it. They will find each of the other that they are not so bad as they thought, and after that a higher good.

THE SPIRITUAL OF SPIRITUALISM.

By THOMAS COOK.

"Materialism is a greater enemy to Spiritualism than churchism."—BETTER WAY, No. 22.

The first great cause of this diversion of the spiritual forces was the noted materialist of the late rebellion, whose pernicious influence has started this once patriotic nation in the downward march of ruin.

volumes, petulantly replied, "Let my consistency go to the devil," and it went and carried with it a large majority of the members of that convention.

Following that great disaster to the spiritual of Spiritualism came the great wave of liberalism about ten or a dozen years ago, which delusion well might be called a good Christian means of getting the unbelieving Jews out of the country?

Resolved, That we urge the mediums of the country to organize a National Mediums' Defense Association for the purpose of securing funds, employing counsel, "for defense," &c., &c.

This was adopted in all seriousness at a late Spiritualist camp meeting. They could have gone but one step further into materialism; which would have been to call for recruits to arm themselves and compel the people, courts and government to do as they wish towards mediums.

Spiritualists should be "the salt of the earth," but if the salt has "lost its savor" it is of no more use than any other dirt or rubbish.

"Come to Jesus" generally means: Come down with the cash!

The deeper the well the longer the rope needed to draw water from it. So the deep thinker needs a questioner compatible with himself to draw him out.

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THE MURDER OF SITTING BULL.

By LOUIS BUCKHORN.

The suspicions of treachery which were aroused when the first news of the attempted capture, resistance and shooting of Sitting Bull were received have been confirmed. It has since been ascertained that when the order for Sitting Bull's arrest were giving, they were given with the implied understanding that the first pretext for his killing should be seized and he thus summarily disposed of.

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Can a man making such a charge, based upon his own sad and woeful experience, be anything but what he was. The wonder rather is, that it did not create an inhuman fiend, devising all the possible cruelties which a fostered cunningness allied with conscious suffering of injustice could apply in the extermination of his faithless oppressors and destroyers.

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FASTING.

By THOMAS COOK.

Succi and other fasters remind me of my mediumistic experiences in 1863. The spirit friends were evidently experimenting with me to see or ascertain how little food a human being could subsist upon.

brutally inhuman as well as opposed to the crudest conception of the first principles of justice.

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BODY AND MIND.

By H. V. SCHULTE.

All is mind. Every organization is positive and negative mind. A recognition of the greatest of truths is life, light and immortality brought to view.

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The new tariff proposed by the French government keeps in view the principle of protection to labor, and the duties on raw material are in accordance with the amount of labor supposed to enter into it.



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WHAT IS TRUTH?

In our infancy of spiritual investigations we are ready to accept anything and everything. As we progress we begin to discriminate, sift, doubt, reject, until we reach that state in which we believe nothing more will refuse to entertain a thought for anything that we have not personally investigated, or reasoned upon, and thereby concluded that it might live. We call this the transitional period of our unfolding. With it, or shortly after its introduction, our trials begin too—apparently a counterbalance from nature—a neutralizing agent instituted by nature's law to prevent our falling back into materiality: worldlyism, selfishness or the egotism in which we believe we know it all, or enough to admit us into the holy of holies of the spirit world. But nature does not permit us to stand still. We must progress; and after a chapter of knock-downs, a volume of disappointments and a whole library of aggravations, we conclude to let others have the privilege of thinking as we like to do; namely: as they please.

see a contorted face, but it is the man who peers into it, and not an imitation. It is a whole truth—the truth, only that it needs straightening up. So the simplest minds of earth may reflect truth, and it is that class who have quailed but sparingly at the fount of truth that would condemn all that does not compare with their ideal—their standard—or is not agreeable to them.

ly—as it will be most needed. Uphold those who are striving for the good of the cause therefore and ostracize or withdraw patronage from them that disgrace it; cast odium on it, or make it ridiculous. Truth is that which uplifts, endures, strengthens morally and physically. Untruth or discord is that which has reverse effects. But truth is relative and should be handled judiciously, and presented at the propitious moment when it will do the most good. And one of those moments should be when it may be applied to self. Here it is never out of place, never wasted, and never fails to do the highest good.

HOME. It seems paradoxical to say that those who give the most are often the most selfish. But facts warrant it—not so philanthropy. Some give because they want sympathy—drawing on a mortal's vital forces for a little material lure or gift that costs a trifle, and is really no loss to the giver. Such is not spiritual. Nature gives without asking or demanding a return, and mortals who are in the sweetest accord with nature, and consequently draw the sweetest and most soothing sympathy that life affords, are those who give for the love of giving—not to be admired for their generosity; to be flattered for their consideration; to be lauded for their liberality or to be revered for their spirituality. True love asks no favors, no sympathy, no humiliation in return for concessions granted, authority vested or sacrifices offered. True love is God or the divinity acting through the human organism, and by permitting it to act without asking or expecting a remuneration, it becomes the greater part of man finally, and makes what is known as angelhood. Neutralizing this divine growth by selfish demands leaves man a mortal or a spirit with mortal attributes for ages, and constitute those inhabitants of the spirit world who are known as the wandering spirits without home or habitation. Love and home are synonymous, and he who is without love will also find himself without home. And where is happiness where there is no love? The home of the soul is where love is, and love is in the interior, the spiritual of nature—the cause realm. Man rises to this through trials, deprivations and sacrifices, and he who knows not of these, will know not of spiritual life, whether here or there—will be without a home!

Mrs. Woodworth's revivals are also one of the effects of the psychic wave that is being wafted over this planet, or at least over this continent with its probable centre in the United States. The Mesianic craze by both Whites and Indians evince this. Spiritualism is the hub of the wheel and is the revelation intended for mankind, but all sensitive people partake of it more or less and mix it with orthodox or previously acquired religious feelings and principles. But the force of the primitive law may be gauged by the effect it has on other people outside of Spiritualism, the latter growing comparatively. Then why would we condemn them?

NEWS ITEMS. Christians and Mohammedans in Armenia have perpetual conflicts. An elm tree in Lee, Mass., has just been cut down which is known to be 108 years old. The Mohammedans of India number no less than 50,000,000 of her majesty's subjects. A large meeting in London has petitioned the czar to remit persecution of the Jews. A woman of Providence, R. I., aged 70, has had her husband put in jail for stealing her diamonds. A modern "improvement" is to drop the m in the abbreviations a. m. and p. m., as for example, 10 a. and 4:30 p. Four thousand "cheap manuscript sermons" are advertised in a London journal. Over here, says the World, cheap sermons superabound. When a prisoner of the Kansas penitentiary refuses to work they starve him until he begs for a job, and that is never longer than two or three days. The one who is always ready to give advice is the last one to take it when offered; for he who believes he knows everything also believes that no one can tell him anything. The fastest vessel afloat is said to be the 3,200-ton English built war-ship intended for the Argentine government, she made 21.2 knots under ordinary draft, and 22.4 knots with forced draft. The balloon proposed for polar explorations is 99 feet in diameter and 500,000 cubic feet in volume. The journey will be from Spitzbergen, and with a favorable wind will last four or five days. The bridge on the Southern Pacific Railroad across the Pecos River will, it is said, be the highest in the United States, the central span to be 378 feet above the water. The entire length of the bridge, from cliff to cliff, will be 1,200 feet. On November 19th Mrs. J. Sullivan of Orange, N. J., gave birth to a bouncing baby. A week ago while engaged in housework she was suddenly warned that Santa Claus had another one for her—and it proved another healthy child. It has caused much wonderment in medical circles. CAMBRIDGE, MASS.—An important expedition was sent out by Prof. E. C. Pickering from the Harvard astronomical observatory to-day. The party will go to Peru to observe and photograph the stars and determine their relative brightness. A new station will be founded near Arequipa, the second city in size in Peru, about 8,000 feet above the sea level. KINGSTON, N. Y., Dec. 20.—William H. Bloomer aged nearly eighty years, of Ellenville, Ulster County, who has not been in good health for some time and was despondent, cut his throat this morning and is dead. Among those who mourn his loss is his mother, Mrs. Ellen Bloomer, who recently celebrated her one hundredth birthday anniversary. He might have stuck it out, having got so far. On the plantation of John H. Roberts, near Robertsville, S. C., there is a tree, if not destroyed by the turpentine hands, that does not touch the ground by six feet. A pine sapling, cut down at some period unknown to the oldest inhabitant, lodged on the limb of an adjacent tree. The growth of the tree and limb gradually closed around it until it became completely imbedded. Drawing its life from the tree it grows and presents a luxurious appearance. All trace of the stump from which it was cut has long since disappeared. The poetry market is at present suffering from over production and the laborers in the vineyard of the muse are getting pretty poor pay, but they keep at it. Each incoming mail brings us choice specimens, and the outgoing mail takes them—that is, when accompanied by necessary postage. There is always a market for bright, original prose on almost any subject, but poetry. Well there is so much on hand now in the news-

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Ladies' Department.

The Divine. Noble must man be, And helpful and good; 'Tis humanity only That raises the human O'er all other beings, All creates we know.

ETERNAL LIFE.

How little we comprehend it! How we crowd and hurry ourselves trying to catch up with time! After our first introduction to this world, our good morning of childhood, we say a little later in life good-bye.

Oh, we say, what is it so forceful within us, making us to feel we must work out and accomplish the many things shaping themselves in our fertile brains!

What workers—architects, painters, hewers, antiquarians—lodge within the human brain? And dreamers, whose visions and songs are to unspiritual minds like soap bubbles, fit only to amuse children.

But to others who realize the new order of things "coming up the steep of time," they are prophetic voices, singing new psalms of eternal life. All these and more are fearless workers in the soul of mankind.

Thought, the great actor in the human brain, never tires, but goes on and on under the impulsion of soul power executing through nerve and muscle the creations which spring from divine consciousness.

The tendency toward higher attainments is a law of life. No constituent part of human nature should lack unfoldment. Body, soul and reason are the three constituent parts of man.

Is there time and room enough in this life of materiality to build high the tower of individuality? No. The endless chain of worlds hold their mellowing and developing influences. Like the sun and rain, which help upward the sweet spring violet, the spheres of life upon which man shall enter in time to be, will, as he ascends higher and higher, give broader scope to his undying soul.

SPirit COMMUNION A RELIGION.

Ideas are conflicting in regard to making a religion of Spiritualism. To understand the subject, we must agree as to what religion is.

Piety is given as reverence of parents, friends or country. Sanctity, as purity of heart and life, which springs from communion with God.

Dr. W. W. Edwards, in THE BETTER WAY of October 17th, gives the definition as "a rebinding." He tells us also that the work of a Spiritualist is "to rebind man to good, which is God."

There is a whole volume in this little article, for it awakens much thought. The above is not an exact quotation, but the thought as I understand it.

By going back to this Jesus, the great medium, and leaving out the myth and selfishness that man has added since that time, and retaining the truths which are everlasting, we have a religion of which no Spiritualist, not even Brother Dennis, need be ashamed.

One could but smile over his spiritual article in the issue of October 17th, entitled "Spiritual Communion." He says: "Can you make a religion of material life, of continuance of life, of your destiny and fate, of natural laws, of fact, of spirit return, etc.?"

Let us not cater to old popularity. Not ponder to folly and false pride. But let us ever sail in the ship of truth. And over all false teachings ride.

Man's Wants.

"Man wants but little here below." I've often heard them say; If such a man has ever lived, He never came this way.

Ingersoll's Tribute to Woman.

Col. Ingersoll never uttered anything more eloquent or beautiful than the following tribute to woman: "It takes a hundred men to make an encampment," said Mr. Ingersoll, "but one woman can make a home."

A CHEERING LETTER.

To the Editor of The Better Way. I enjoy reading the articles from the pen of J. H. Pratt. Yes, surely, his investigation and experiences for the last two years have been wonderful.

A belief nor faith, it is a growth or education. Step by step up the ladder we climb, until we arrive at absolute knowledge that man is immortal, that he possesses a soul that is imperishable...

I hold the spiritual philosophy is too clear and sacred to deny the truth. I, for one, say, stand by your colors, and firmly say, I am a Spiritualist. I had rather be totally annihilated from society than to yield the truth.

Sacred I hold their benediction, for there is no comparison. Besides, what do you or I care for the gossiping, clamorous world? It will take years for some of them to realize the higher life, and be drawn in the sphere of light.

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MEETINGS.

Dwight Hall, 611 Tremont street, opposite Berkeley. Spiritual meetings at 7:30, with mediumship by Prof. E. W. ...

Brooklyn, N. Y. Conservatory Hall, Bedford avenue, corner of Fulton street. Spiritual meetings every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Chicago, Ill. The Psychic Research Society meets every Sunday afternoon at Douglas Castle Hall, northwest corner Sixth and Walnut at 3 o'clock.

Cincinnati, O. The First Spiritual Ladies' Aid Society hold their meetings at Masonic Temple on Friday night, Wednesday evening.

Cambridgeport, Mass. Cambridgeport Association of Spiritualists meet every Sunday evening at Odd Fellows Hall, 56 Main st.

Detroit, Mich. The People's Progressive Spiritual Society holds services at 31 Monroe Avenue every Sunday.

Fitchburg, Mass. The First Society meet every Sunday afternoon and evening. Mrs. E. S. Loring, Secretary.

Fort Worth, Texas. The First Spiritual Society has been organized. The Ladies' Society meets every Wednesday afternoon. W. H. Rollins, 448 East Fifteenth st.

Grand Rapids, Mich. The Progressive Spiritualists Society meet every Sunday morning and Wednesday evening at 745 S. Washington Ave. Mrs. E. F. Josselyn, Pres.

Indianapolis, Ind. The Indianapolis Association of Spiritualists meet every Sunday morning at 10:30 and in the evening at 7:45 at Mansion Hall, cor. Washington and Alabama streets.

Madison, Wis. The Madison Home Society meets at English Hall, North Second street, every Sunday morning in session at 10:30 and in the evening at 7:30.

Minneapolis, Minn. The Spiritual Science Association meet every Sunday evening at 7:30 and Wednesday night; Ladies' Aid every Saturday afternoon.

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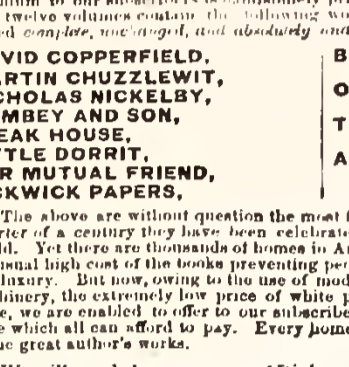
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REMEMBER THE POOR.

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ORGANIZATION.

I recently saw in your paper and have seen in several other spiritual papers reference to the above subject, which leads me to hope that it is again to be brought before the public for general discussion.

PUNYENT PAPAGRAPHS.

It is now claimed that Columbus was a Jew. That is to say, he had advanced from a banana seller to a second-hand clothing merchant.

RUPTURE

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