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## The Financial Question is the Important one in Spiritual Philosophy.

This will seem, perhaps, at first glance, a rash statement, and unwarranted by the facts. But with your indulgence I trust I can make the declaration good to all Spiritualists who comprehend the situation. All recognize the rapid growth of the order in the last forty years. This has been largely confined to the principal cities, and large towns, where conferences could be had, and accommodations obtained for lectures, seances, etc. As a result many converts have been made from among that class of citizens who could not affiliate with the Churches, and were waiting for something to present itself more consistent with their feelings than Infidelity, Materialism or any of theisms of the day.

From this class the ranks of Spiritualism have been largely recruited. Until a more recent period the Churches took no serious notice of the "insane cranky" claims of Spiritualists, and contented that the new phase would soon exhaust itself and pass into oblivion as all of its predecessors had done. But the steady onward and upward march of forty-five years has begun to make such inroads upon its members and its teachings that many of the Churches have become alarmed and are resorting to many devices to retain their membership and increase their Sabbath schools, etc., by building new churches, modifying their creeds and articles of faith, and presenting many new attractions in the way of fine artistic music in their choirs and their Sabbath schools, Church picnics, etc. By the expenditure of a corresponding amount of money, Spiritualism and its teachings would soon present attractions to the multitudes far superior to what the Church is doing to-day.

Without chapels, churches, school houses, or assembly halls it can not be expected that spiritual teachings alone will present attractions to entirely overcome the combined efforts of the Church and its influences. And hence it must suffer in that direction, for the want of necessary means to provide accommodations and entertainments for those who are seeking the spiritual philosophy. But what is of far greater importance is the want of means to extend this beautiful philosophy into portions of the country where they are poorly supplied with any kind of moral or religious instruction, and yet know enough of the teachings of spiritual philosophy to be anxious to know more of it.

But distance and pecuniary conditions debar them from even an occasional message from those that have crossed to the "shining shore" from their midst. Here, then, is a field for missionary labor, with the harvest ready for the reapers, who are also in trim ready to enter the service as soon as the means is provided to pay them for their services. All must recognize these facts, and the question naturally arises, Can they be met and overcome? If so, how? If Spiritualists had the numbers and the wealth to draw from the Churches have, and I from whom they annually draw hundreds of thousands of dollars to support foreign missions and kindred objects the question could easily be answered, and the difficulty overcome.

At the late spiritual camp-meeting at D. Leon Springs, Florida, steps were taken by representatives from various parts of the country there assembled to form a National Spiritual Organization, and one representative or delegate from every State and Territory in the Union was named to represent their State or Territory at any subsequent meeting that may be called by the executive committee.

I have not seen the proceedings, nor do I understand the plan proposed to effect the organization. But the parties present at that camp, as published in the papers, are of a character and standing in spiritual communities that will satisfy every one of their ability and disposition to do the practical thing. It is fair to presume they had an object in organizing a national society at that remote point, and in a sparsely settled community where but few Spiritualists reside.

I apprehend, however, that point was decided upon temporarily, and that later, a more central point will be selected, perhaps Washington, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, or Indianapolis for the home or headquarters. There may be policy in changing headquarters for a few years, and locating it at small remote places for a year or two at a time for the purpose of awakening an interest in the cause and enabling the few residents at such points to build up societies. However that may be the determination to organize a National Association is a step in the right direction and will be endorsed by all practical Spiritualists who understand the advantage of combined effort over what is possible by individuals where the question of education and moral reform is involved.

Articles of faith, of doctrine, or dogmas, are not contemplated in the organization, but for spiritual prosperity and advancement. The lack of success in former efforts to maintain a national organization is no argument why one at this later period, with greatly increased numbers and extended territory, added to former experience should not succeed. The objects to be accomplished are so numerous and have been pointed out so often it is not necessary to refer to them in this place. There seems but one thing now to overcome in order to accomplish this very desirable object, and that is concert of action.

It is necessary that harmony should prevail in carrying into successful operation all organizations, and especially one in which so many interests are involved, and those interests so widely separated. My attention has recently been called to a proposition coming from Washington, D. C., involving this subject of a national organization. I am glad to know the subject is receiving due consideration from all parts of the country. But it would prove a misfortune I apprehend to attempt two national associations for the same general purposes. As all other societies or spiritual organizations may, or ought, perhaps, to become auxiliary to the one at some later period.

ment office, striving through all means, especially missions, to work in the South and West, where the great fields of labor are awaiting for assistance.

A great reform is necessary in the present mode of promoting meetings and lectures, particularly in the more distant and sparsely settled portions of the country. Even here in St. Louis it costs us more oftentimes to pay the traveling expenses of our teachers than it does their salaries. This applies, of course, to more distant points, in proportion, and the expense is soon so much increased that no reliable or satisfactory teachers can be secured for those points. Through a national organization this great evil may be overcome or greatly mitigated.

While Spiritualists are not orthodox they are not so heterodox that they may not adopt with profit long and well-tried systems of contemporary sects and organizations. Our Methodist friends' system of furnishing teachers, colporters, etc., may be suggestive to us in formulating practical modes of disseminating spiritual truths. Another strong argument in favor of a national organization must not be overlooked. That is, the legal question. Several State legislatures have recently attempted the enactment of laws, which, if passed, are intended and will abridge the rights of Spiritualists fatally. This is a device of the enemy to check free thought and spiritual development, which can be more effectively quieted through the influence and watchful care of a national organization than in any other way. But enough on that subject. The committee that has it in charge will undoubtedly present the matter in such a comprehensive form that no further arguments will be necessary.

It is sometimes suggested by Spiritualists that we are not advancing in spiritual knowledge as rapidly as we ought—that our spirit friends are withholding from us what is needful for our development, etc. The greater probability is that we are already in possession of more than we are making the best use of—that we are neglecting to confer upon others that of which we have received in abundance. Until we broaden our views, extend our sympathies, and increase our activity in works of love and benevolence, we need not expect a day of Pentecost soon. As an important factor—as an auxiliary in this work of love and philanthropy the use of money cuts an import figure. And as I affirmed in the outset, the financial question is the important one in the promulgation of spiritual philosophy. This fact appeals forcibly to the few wealthy Spiritualists we have in our ranks. And to those less able to contribute money can, with books, papers, kind words, and acts of benevolence do much towards promoting the great cause in which we are enlisted.

When we have built for ourselves churches, chapels, school-houses, and educational institutions, and contributed all in our power to extend like advantages to the destitute, our spirit friends stand ever ready through the beneficence of the heavenly father to confer upon us all merited blessings.

## FREE-THOUGHT vs. CHRISTIANITY.

(To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH.)

A very interesting debate between Rev. J. De Buchananne M. D., Ph. D., (Spiritualist) and Rev. P. W. Shick (Christian) has just been held at Manmouth, Kansas, upon the following propositions:

- 1st. Science and philosophy prove the Bible to be utterly wrong and misleading, and the influence of its teachings, if inspired, is immoral and degrading.
- 2d. Jesus Christ, the so-called founder of Christianity never existed, but is a mythical character created in the mind of Eusebius and the Church fathers.
- 3d. The Church of Jesus Christ was founded upon fraud by men noted for evil; its teachings have always tended to enslave the masses to a privileged few.
- 4th. To free the people from the domination and influence of the Church of Christ and its teachings is one of the great needs of the day.

The above propositions were canvassed by Dr. De Buchananne affirming, and Rev. P. W. Shick negating. Four thirty minute speeches were devoted to the consideration of each proposition by each speaker—each alternating with the other. The moderators selected were Prof. J. M. Allen and Rev. Th. H. Popplewell.

A spirit of mutual respect and fraternal regard as well as general good feeling characterized the entire discussion—the Rev. P. W. Shick declaring repeatedly that Dr. De Buchananne was without exception the most gentlemanly and scholarly debator he had ever met in the fifty three debates that he claimed to have held upon religious subjects, and that he was truly proud to be called in discussion with so worthy and learned a gentleman.

The affirmative brought, as evidence of his assertions and in support of his position, quotations from the most eminent scholars of Europe and America—the validity of which evidence his opponent in each instance cheerfully conceded; and although he (Rev. Shick) labored hard to disprove the doctor's arguments on the above propositions, it was plain to all impartial and fair-minded critics that not one of the affirmations was successfully refuted, but that each attempt at the same only proved the statements more forcibly and confirmed his position more fully in the minds of the people. The doctor eulogized the system of ethics upon which the Christian religion is based as being identical with the ethics of Confucius, Buddha, Zoroaster, and Mann. He attacked the general orthodox teaching that the Bible is inspired, is the original and only word of God and therefore binding in its teachings upon the mind and conscience of humanity; and fortified his position by exhaustive quotations from the Bible itself and from the theologians and historians of all ages.

He also proved the Bible erroneous by copious quotations from the book itself, showing it to be scientifically, philosophically and morally incorrect, inharmonious, contradictory, and morally debasing.

The second proposition that Christ was a mythical character was seemingly abundantly proven by quotations from standard orthodox authorities and by showing the absence of all contemporaneous historical mention of him. It was also apparently proven that Apollonius of Tyana (who had traveled in India) was the real personage upon whose life and teachings was built the ideal character of Christ; and the ethical and moral teachings ascribed to Christ were really taught by Buddha six hundred years before.

The last two propositions were merged into one and were so easily proven by the general history of civilization since the Church was founded that it needs no extended report.

The debate was listened to throughout by large and very attentive audiences, and many of the misty problems of history and religion were clearly elucidated and made plain to the inquiring public.

J. MADISON ALLEN,  
M. THERESA ALLEN.

## A Letter from M. H. Prince.

(To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH.)

After a long silence and traveling over three thousand miles of railroad—from Manhattan Island to Pike's Peak—I will, with your permission, unfold my woeful narrative, which may serve to be useful information to others similarly situated. But before entering on my narration I would preface this with the remark that the publicity of this letter will serve for the numerous promises I have made to the many friends we met. I said they would hear from us, and at the same time I would, in the name of my wife and self, return our sincere thanks for courtesies and hospitality received in every place we remained long enough to form an acquaintance.

Ere taking our departure from Washington, D. C., a medium, Mrs. McDonald, said to us while in a trance: "You are going on a long journey, but you are not going to remain." The sequel proves too truly her prophecy, and has been often repeated by me. When we took leave of our friends in New York we told them that it would be two years at the earliest ere we would visit them again, for as the physicians whom we consulted, informed us that two years would be required to perfect a cure, declaring that my wife's lungs were affected.

As we had to pass through Chicago we determined to let the World's Fair take us in, and it did. Though it is the most stupendous, colossal wonder of the nineteenth century, and a bright diadem in the escutcheon of our national glory, I say to those who contemplate taking in the World's Fair to give up that idea, for it is a delusion, and so you will conclude after one week trying to do so, as we did. So much has been published regarding the greatest exhibition the world has known that I will not make any attempt at description further than recommend the Main Plaisance, as I think it is termed, as one of the greatest attractions, and especially Cairo in Egypt, a *fac simile* of one of its streets, with its burden-bearing camels, and Moors guiding them, together with all of its numerous industries, as one would see were they actually in that ancient city. To those who have read about Cairo in Egypt, a visit to that portion of the World's Fair will amply compensate them for all the trials, fatigue, and expense attending the journey. But, my friends, remember, your pocketbook, don't leave it behind, and see that it is well stuffed with greenbacks, for you will need them, and rather than leave your comfortable homes, with just a meager sum, take my advice, remain at your homes and read about it. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Now for the sequel to my woeful narrative. After reaching Colorado Springs, Colo., which is over a mile skyward, visiting Manitou, where we found the Kates' located in the restaurant and icecream business, paid a visit to the Garden of Gods (so termed, I suppose, from the hundreds of nature's formation in the shape of innumerable ideals in the immense rocks and boulders contained therein), we were told of a lovely place, called Green Mountain Falls, a quarter of a mile still nearer the ethereal.

But I thought it best to consult a physician ere we did take the journey, and it was well I did so; for on and after a careful diagnosis of my wife's case, he said to me, "This lucky that you did not go, for ten to one, you would not have brought your wife back alive, and the sooner you leave Colorado the better, for your wife's heart and not her lungs are affected. A dry atmosphere in New York and New Jersey would have been better than coming here."

Now was such information not most cheering after a twenty three hundred mile journey getting there? I would mention at this juncture that the physician in question is the pioneer doctor of the City of Colorado Springs, and a Spiritualist, of whom we can feel proud, who, with his charming wife, have dispensed hospitality unbounded for a quarter of a century on this same lovely garden spot. Colorado Springs holds spiritual services each Sunday evening, Mrs. Kates, of Manitou, serving them as lecturer and platform test medium. I shall reiterate an impromptu acoustic which I wrote for Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Kimball, of Colorado Springs, who are the good people I referred to. Of course, there was no other alternative than to retrace our journey back. So we intended passing a time in Chicago and let the World's Fair take us in once more. But the weather was so extremely warm that we came to Burlington, Wis., a region abounding with lakes and magnificent woods; and only two and one half hours ride from Chicago. We are comfortably ensconced at Mrs. M. Moor's resort, on Brown's Lake, one and a half miles from Burlington, where I advise all those coming to Chicago, and wishing to enjoy an Elysium of quiet and repose, to go and pass a time, for they will find all that can make life worth the living, and quite inexpensive. Now I conclude with the acoustic referred to, and wish you all a fond adieu.

GRATITUDE'S TRIBUTE.

Ere we depart from Kockies' peaks  
Called friends and ere we go,  
Kind souls! friends we do consign  
In care of Indians' Manitou  
May all good spirits bide by them  
E'er by their side  
And we thus our gratitude express  
Love that we can not hide from  
Loved mortals good and tried.

M. H. PRINCE.

## A PSYCHIC PHENOMENON.

Dr. B. O. Flower, editor of the *Arena*, relates the following experience in the *Psychical Review* he had with a medium who was a stranger to him:

"The psychic said: 'There is a spirit here who gives the name of Mollie G., and who is anxious to send a message to her loved ones. They live in the West. I am taken into a church—into the choir. I am singing. Suddenly all becomes dim. I am carried home. A physician is sent for from a distance, but I pass out.'

"These words were spoken in a peculiar manner as one might speak whose eyes and whose attention were fastened

upon a distant object, but who was being plied with questions. Suddenly the psychic changed his tone, exclaiming: 'This young lady suffered greatly from congestion at the base of the brain. She was taken sick in the choir of a church in the West. She wishes her parents and husband to know that she is alive, and does not want them to grieve for her, (giving the name). He asked if anyone recognized the name. No one spoke. He then added: 'She says there is someone present who knew her quite well.' Still no one spoke. Then after a pause the psychic slowly pronounced the whole name. The moment the second name was given, I recognized the facts in a general way, although it was not until later that I found that the details were correct.

"The facts in the case were as follows: The young lady in question was a cousin of a sister-in-law of mine, and had visited Boston as a guest of my brother a few years before. During her visit I had become very well acquainted with her, but after leaving for her western home she had passed out of my life. She had married a man by the name of G., and some time subsequent had been attacked in church as described by the psychic. She had been conveyed to her home, where medical aid was summoned from a neighboring city, but to no purpose. She died in a few days. The details of this sickness were unknown to me; and while I had heard of her marrying a Mr. G., it had entirely slipped my memory, so that not until her maiden name was given did it flash across my mind that the message was intended for me."

## "Psychic Ether."

There is a psychic ether, related to thought, as the luminiferous ether is to light. This may be regarded as the thought atmosphere of the universe. A thinking being in this atmosphere is a pulsating center of thought-waves, as a luminous body is of light. There is a state of mind and body known as sensitive, or impressible, in which it receives impression from other minds. Sensitiveness explains the true philosophy of prayer. Mesmerism, trance, clairvoyance, mind reading, dreams, thought-transference, etc., are correlated to and explained by means of this psychic ether. These phenomena lead up to the consideration of immortality. Body and spirit are originated and sustained together, and death is their final separation. The problem of an immortal future, beginning in time, is solved by the resolution of forces at first acting in straight lines, through spirals reaching circles which, returning within themselves, become individualized and self-sustaining. Spiritual beings must originate and be sustained by laws as fixed and unchanging as those which govern the physical world.

The above is an extract from Eudson Tuttle's great work on "Psychic Science, or Studies in the Outlying Fields of Psychic Science." The book contains seventeen chapters on various subjects appertaining to our science, and is regarded as a standard work on Spiritualism. See price-list, seventh page.

(To the Editor of the LIGHT OF TRUTH.)

## Spiritualism and the Bible.

W. F. HEATH.

Of course there are Spiritualists and Spiritualists. I speak for but one. It does not look reasonable to me that if the teachings of Spiritualism embrace truth, that this great truth could have remained unknown till well into the present century. The Bible says it did not, and gives abundant proof of the fundamental truths as taught from our rostrums to-day. On the other hand it seems to me that any careful reader and deep thinker would discard the testimony of the Scriptures in regard to the so-called miracles, if none of them could be worked in the days when the book states positively that they shall be. The truths of the Bible and the truths of our philosophy must harmonize, and are there not countless numbers, who from prejudice and environment, from a blind worship of a book, are so hemmed in that they can be led to the truth only by the light of the Bible? No others understand the effect of "conditions" as well as Spiritualists, and it puzzles me to know why we are so loth to lead a brother to the light when it becomes absolutely necessary for us to direct our steps in the round-about path which they are accustomed to travel. Does not the Bible contain enough of Spiritualism, if properly presented, to lead even its most devout worshippers to the light of truth?

## Constantine.

This great Roman emperor was also forced by the power of truth to return to earth and deliver a message through Mr. Robert's medium. He said:

"It is not a pleasant duty to communicate with you, nor would I perform it, had not a band of spirits fettered me with truth. A spirit dislikes to destroy his own fame, or the name he left behind him on earth. But since I am compelled to speak, I will say, I possessed a valuable library. When I became a Christian I destroyed it. I was a fanatic, and was governed and influenced by fanatics. The four gospels were originally Buddhistic, and were written in an ecstatic state by Deva Bodhisatva. They were mingled with Platonism by Potamon. This is the true account of the Christian New Testament; and the day will come when it will be openly acknowledged, for the evidence of it will be so great that through some medium the original Buddhistic gospels, which are extant to-day, in spite of all the interpolating and destroying, will be discovered in India. I curse my fate, and I cursed those spirits who forced me to tell the truth: for I am so constituted, that even after these long years in spirit life, I would rather lie than tell the truth. (This is what he made of himself in earth life.) I was known as Constantine the Great—the little and nothing here."

The work containing this and much more of that order, known as "Antiquity Unveiled," is for sale at this office, Price \$1.00, postage 12 cents.

At the annual synod of the diocese of Denver, held August 14th, Bishop Metz presiding, a resolution was passed approving the bishop's school policy. Inasmuch as Monsignor Satalio only a month ago condemned the school policy of Bishop Metz in denying the sacrament to children who attended public schools, this resolution is a virtual condemnation of the action of the apostolic delegate. The priests who refused to sign the resolution were forced to answer to the roll call and vote aye or nay in open synod.



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OUR CONTRIBUTORS.

THE GOSPEL OF THE SOUL'S AFFINITIES

As oxygen is necessary to the health of the body, so light from the spiritual sun is necessary for the health of the soul.

Thought says Professor Huxton is accompanied by magnetic vibrations in the grey matter of the brain, and these brain molecules, like everything else, are immersed in and interpenetrated by ether.

Years ago, before ever reading Professor Huxton's views, I advocated precisely the same doctrine, and some readers will recollect that I have already put forth my conception of the peculiarity or character of the waves in connection with various mental states.

Although it is perfectly true that disembodied minds can control mediums, it is equally true that mediums embrace and translate thought that comes in contact with them from individuals in their presence.

My object, however, is not to discuss "mediumism" but the radiations of the soul. The mineral, vegetable, and animal has each its peculiar emanation.

The inner life of the animal is homogeneous and simple, and this life is also the animation of its senses; the brute, therefore, has but one principle within and without, vital and sensuous.

Man's inner spirit consciousness, on the contrary, is unconfin'd—a compound essence, and is very different at the centre from that life which he feels within the senses.

The pre eminent distinction of man is, then, the power of his thought and his capacity to radiate this through all space. There can be no individual property in thoughts—no patient—for the same thoughts may be striking through many minds at the same moment.

It is in this way that impressions, sensations, and emotions are conveyed from mind to mind. Diseases, too, in this order may be transmitted.

Affinities, even as strangers in a crowd, will understand each other at once. The sensualist will recognize his own, while the elevated will readily know his affinity or, if mistaken, an uneasiness of the nervous sensations will turn or repel him.

of others, it is either positive or negative in its action attractive or repulsive, according to affinity.

Truth may be symbolized as a perfect sphere, uniting two opposite polarities—positive and negative.

Our modern worldings do not in their loves rise to this height of ideal excellence and poetic fervor.

It has often been asked if a science of marriage does not exist. Some phrenologists have attempted a good deal, but their stuff is mainly clapp-trapp.

The problem to be solved is, the perfect redemption and recovery of man. His physical deliverance; all disease abolished, and the organism—under the scientific means of grace—to be completely whole.

Let us all then live the intellectual and moral life, inhale the infinite through every pore, and endeavor to realize the beautiful and to attain the perfect.

The External Universe. The telescope reveals millions upon millions of suns and spheres, each of which seems almost like a universe in vastness and power, and yet the whole constitutes one minute corner of infinitude.

We know that the great law of gravitation holds all worlds and systems of worlds bound together with the same omnipotent chains. This demonstrates the unity of the universe, and must lead us to believe that every fixed star is the centre of a magnificent system of inhabited worlds like our sun.

Such thoughts fill the whole of Dr. Babbitt's great book on "Religion." See book-list, seventh page.

MEDIUMISTIC PHENOMENA.

One of the first and most powerful mediums for physical manifestations, movements of objects, etc., I ever met was a young woman about eighteen years old, in rather delicate health, and of a spare frail physique, named Susan Grimshaw.

While in charge of the spiritual meetings in Milwaukee I made several engagements with a young speaker, since then become well known as one of the foremost among our lecturers.

My first experience with Charles H. Foster will show the absurdity of the fakirs' tricks. I called upon Mr. Foster for sitting.

I first met Dr. Henry Slade in August, 1870, ten days subsequent to the demise of my wife. I was a stranger to the medium; and in response to my request he washed and dried the slate, which did not entirely escape my sight during the seance.

Such are a few of the experiences with mediums related by Albert Morton in his interesting work entitled "Psychic Studies." See book-list, seventh page.

AN INTERESTING PSYCHICAL CASE.

B. O. FLOWER.

I had investigated psychical phenomena, as occasion presented, for twelve years, giving my attention to all phases of the extra normal appearances which have come under my notice.

One evening I was induced, by a friend who had received a communication of the most striking nature, to go to the seance of a well-known psychic. After the seance opened, I witnessed several impersonations, which seemed satisfactory to the persons to whom they were addressed.

"There is a spirit present who passed out with consumption. She comes to you. She says Charlie is very sick." Touching the base of his brain, the psychic said further: "Oh, my God, what pain there. He came near passing out this afternoon, and is quite ill to-night. He is a man of full habit. He is not at home. He has gone upon a journey, and you will find what I have said to be true.

These are the facts, condensed from notes I made at the time. As to the partial accuracy of the statements, there could be no doubt; for example: first, the gentlemen referred to had left for the West the previous week; second, he was a person corresponding to the description given; third, the name given by the psychic, as being the name of the spirit communicating, was the name of the gentleman's wife, who had died of consumption before he had moved from the West to Boston.

These facts, while interesting, might possibly have been transmitted from my brain as they were well known to me, although I knew the psychic was a stranger to both the gentleman in question and myself.

PHENOMENAL EXPERIENCES.

DR. W. JORDAN.

March 17, 1893, I reached my 74th mile post. Whether I shall reach my 75th is a question I can not solve. I allude, of course, to mortal life, as I am certain of man's continued existence, and have been for forty years or more, through the agency of spiritual philosophy.

Another message from a young man that I had treated in life when his case was hopeless, and tried to instruct in Spiritualism, notwithstanding his parents belonged to the soul-sleeping Adventists. He wrote: "Oh! Dr. Jordan, many, many times have I been near you and spoke to you, but you heard me not."

How unlooked for was this message from one in no way related, and of but slight acquaintance here at best. I can only account for this message by my mental desire to hear from him for the benefit of his mother and other surviving friends.

Ister, when visiting Charles Watkins, the slate-writer, I asked this spirit if he would not like to give me a short communication that I could carry back to his mother and friends. Again I was the recipient of a message as follows: "Dear mother and all, I want you to know that I am not dead, buried in the cold ground, but am happy and know who it was that kissed me last."

A few weeks later I pitched my tent at Vicksburg Camp. A day or two later young Barnes, a total stranger to me, tapped me on the arm as if I knew a spirit by the name of Lewis. I said, "Certainly I do." Then, said Mr. Barnes: "Such a man has been following you around the grounds here for some time, and as he can't make you aware of it he comes to me and keeps saying, 'Lewis,' and wants me to call your attention to the fact." I was glad to know he had not forgotten me.

What a grand world this is to live in when we know life is continuous; that there is no death, and that these we treat kindly here do not forget us, but return to greet us and show their appreciation. What an incentive to do all we can to enlighten others, and to assist them on the way to progress. Excuse this digression. After obtaining one communication from my revered mother at Riley's, she wrote another as follows: "My Dear Son: I come with a mother's love to greet you from your peaceful home of rest. I am dwelling far away from your earth plane."

A few words more and I close this hastily sketched report. Thomas Paine alludes to my mission, as above reported. Glad would I be to spend my few remaining days or years laboring for the good of all, as far as my strength will allow. I was ordained a minister by the Religio Philosophical Society of Chicago when S. S. Jones was living, and have lectured quite a little in the past. But as we were not organized to any marked extent at that time, and no proper quarters to apply for help or work, it was uphill business for a poor man to find open fields, open doors, and open purses to keep even efficient workers in harness.

Should any, however, desire my services as a lecturer, and can keep me from personal expenses, or would like my services on funeral occasions, they can address me at Morley, Mecosta County, Michigan.

Mrs. Gladstone, wife of the premier, has led a singularly active and helpful life, and the story of her activities is set forth in McClure's Magazine for August, by one who has a full knowledge of the facts.







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HYPNOTISM.

Mesmerism, or animal magnetism, has become popularized under the name of hypnotism, and nearly all the leading journals have given space to articles, contributed or editorial, on the subject.

The hold it has taken may be known by the statement that in Europe there are two distinct schools, and half a dozen societies devoted exclusively to its study.

The Pall Mall Gazette has an article showing teeth may be painlessly extracted by throwing the patient into the hypnotic state.

The Chicago Inter Ocean takes up the moral aspect of hypnotism, it being claimed by sensational reporters that it may be converted to immoral uses.

Figaro devotes four columns to the discussion of the question whether hypnotism should be introduced in evidence in criminal jurisprudence.

Those who believe in hypnotism maintain that the hypnotizer has command over the hypnotized. How, then, can they place any faith in the replies given by a hypnotized person, since, according to their own principles, such replies would be echoes rather than confessions?

Dr. Montet recalls two instances in which hypnotism has been used in the restricted and special manner approved by Dr. Brouardel for furthering the ends of justice.

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Whether the patients under treatment slept lightly or profoundly, Dr. Liebaull believed that in insisting on making their repeat affirmations of their cure, and in multiplying the seizures, it ought to be possible to deliver from their minds those who had become subject to suicidal monomania, especially if, as in the case described, the cure were undertaken within a short period of the morbid attack.

Prof. H. H. Brown (Lige) said that at all times the mind of man had been capable of influencing the body, but it was only in recent times that this action had been scientifically put in evidence.

It would be misleading if this subject was left without caution as to the possibilities of its destructive tendencies. The moral or intellectual status of the hypnotized can not be absolutely relied on, for they are unknown quantities, and whether a certain individual will withstand a given temptation can only be determined by testing.

"For instance, I saw a young German girl hypnotized. Towards the close of the experiment the professor told the girl that in half an hour he wanted her to strike the tallest man in the room with a glass rod, and that she must get the watch of Dr. ... one of the assistants, without fail. In a few minutes the girl was restored to her normal state and asked a number of questions about what she had done. Then we began to chat on other matters.

Had this girl fallen into the hands of irresponsible, immoral men, instead of those who sought only the extension of scientific knowledge, there can be no doubt that she would have been led as dictated by them. So many disreputable acts have been committed by means of hypnotism that Italy, Austro-Hungary, Switzerland, and many municipalities have been enacted prohibiting the practice except by physicians.

The offense of Donato seems to be more from ignorance of the force with which he dealt than vicious inclination. He hypnotized an Italian artillery officer, who immediately became half crazy. From time to time he would go into somnambulism at the sight of a bright object. He would follow carriage lamps, and unless prevented he would walk towards locomotive or steamer light.

Mesmerists have by insinuation or open dictation lent their aid in throwing disreputable ideas concerning their practices. The army of fakirs, "massuge hypnotists," "magnetizers," "fascinator," "professors" who represent hypnotism to the public, some sincere and honest, others unscrupulous wretches, is not calculated to give prestige to the cause.

There can be no doubt but that hypnotism has two aspects. That while it is capable of grandest service in the higher walks of usefulness it is also capable of perversion, and the only means whereby its application in the wrong direction can be avoided is by a thorough knowledge of its laws.

CHURCH AND STATE.

Was Henry VIII a Protestant, and was Lincoln a Christian, are questions now making the rounds in a certain class of journals; and undoubtedly the question whether this is a Christian nation will be soon added to it, if the "signs" portend anything.

While the Christian religion is not "by law established" in the United States, and the fundamental constitution forbids anything of the sort, that religion is nevertheless recognized in many ways, both by the general government and by the several States.

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is there where the danger lies, and it therefore behooves the voters to reflect on this question with some degree of earnestness before it is too late.

What is the difference between a priest presenting a piece of a dead woman's armbone to a gullible public to worship and a medium presenting a whole live woman for the same purpose?

Or, why are Catholics permitted to believe, without being interfered with, that a certain piece of wood comes from the cross of Jesus, when it is known that enough pieces are exhibited to the world over to make a hundred crosses, and Spiritualists not permitted to believe that clairvoyance is a fact without taxing those who have this gift? Why not tax the priest for exercising his healing powers, and arrest him for telling untruths concerning the holy coat, when a half dozen are in existence? There must be fraud somewhere.

Spiritualists are the last people to countenance fraud when discovered; but will not countenance religious persecution, when mediums are railed from mere prejudice by an outside public who are not asked to believe in spirit communion.

Why do they not raid those who pretend to be vicars of Christ? They demand fees from Spiritualists for their affirmations, why not from Catholics or Protestants as well? Are they discriminating in favor of one and against the other? In that case they are not American citizens; for the United States Constitution gives to all the right to form their own religion. There are some people who call themselves Liberals who are anything but liberal and tolerant, and should take a lesson or two in their own catechism.

The Nation's Salvation.

In an article on the "Well-springs of Present-day Immorality," Mr. B. O. Flower in the August Arena says: "From the moral leper in high life, and from the youth removed from home restraint, and contaminated by a vicious atmosphere, down to the depth of the social cellar—through every stratum of life to day may be seen the soul-destroying influence of immorality. And just here, how impressive comes to us the warning voices of the past; Greece, proud in her matchless learning, and clad in the glory of art, died amid her splendor when the moral was eclipsed by the sensual; Rome, at the moment she was mistress of the world, with the wealth of empires within her walls, witnessed the soul pass forth, with no power to stay its flight, from a home polluted by licentiousness. Indeed, purity is as essential to soul life as oxygen to animal existence; and if our present civilization is to triumph over sensualism, it must be by the development and maintenance of that sturdy morality which countenances naught in thought, word, or life which tends to pollute the soul. To me the problem is one of inestimable moment, for on it hangs the fate of home, nation, and civilization."

There is a project on foot to form a federation "to benefit our fellow man, while still assisting our intellectual freedom and religious independence." Henry Frank writes an able article in this month's Arena concerning it, and proposes to have its initiatory meeting on Sunday evening, December 24th, "as the night on which the rallying of all the hosts of freedom, justice, and philanthropy, regardless of Church, sect, or dogma, shall take place," the preliminary conference to take place at the Arena office in Boston. If a nucleus for such an organization should be effected, we predict for it a future never before attained by any federations of minds of the world ever saw.

The Commercial Gazette of this city says that there are evidences that there is not that degree of friendliness between Dr. McGlynn and Archbishop Corrigan that the public might expect to exist between two such exalted men. It is often hinted that the Archbishop is aware of the exercise of the authority conferred upon Mgr. Satelli and vexed at the interference of Dr. McGlynn, and there comes an intimation from New York that if peace is not soon restored the Archbishop may resign and lay aside the robes of his priestly office.

Mississippi Valley Spiritualists' Association. The annual meeting at Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton, Iowa commenced Sunday, July 30th.

At 9 a. m. the camp was formally opened by raising of the flag. The flag pole stands on a high point or bluff overlooking the entire city, and can be seen from a long distance. As a few appropriate words were spoken by the President, Prof. J. S. Loveland, of Summerland, Cal., the flag was raised to its place, and untired to the breeze by Capt. Ben. Hammond.

The "Star Spangled Banner" was then sung by Prof. B. D. Stillman's Orchestra of Milwaukee, Wis. After which the following original poem was read by Dr. T. Wilkins, of Chicago:

'Tis the flag of our country we have proudly unfurled, The grand old emblem throughout the known world, 'Tis not a mere emblem of war and of strife.

But of love and of peace, of liberty, life, The birth of a nation, independent and free, Monarchy's downfall, peace, unity.

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crises in history demand great efforts on the part of those who appreciate the responsibilities of the cross, and possess the power requisite to accomplish the needed work.

It is generally conceded that the present is one of those great epochs in history, when the trend of the human progress for generations to come is being established on the amazing transformations in the character and accomplishments of human industry are the exponents of progress, and of mental development.

They are the outward symbols of nature's growth. But wonderful as are these outward changes, they are yet a terrible want of harmony in their application to the general welfare and brotherhood of mankind. So far as the conquest and use of the tremendous energies of nature's growth, it is mechanical inventions for human use, seem to be applied in monstrous quantities in the infernal work of subjugating the many to the despotism of the few.

But revolution is one department of man's consciousness is seen to produce change in all others, and to elucidate the character and extent of the work demanded of Spiritualism; makes it necessary to call your attention to the present status of thought evolution. Evolution in some form is now generally conceded, even religiousists admitting that God evolved the numerous departments of being one after the other, if not from them.

To be sure the concession has been wrong from them by the irresistible stress of scientific demonstration. The points established and conceded are, 1st, No world was ever fashioned all at once. On the contrary ages without number have been necessary for that purpose. (Our kingdom has sprung from and rests upon the preceding. The organic precedes the inorganic, the mineral, the vegetable, the animal, and they all precede the human world.)

The incalculable periods needed for the slow growth, from less to more perfect form, from the animalcule to man. It took nature millions of years to develop a life form with a straight nerve running lengthwise through its body, and ages more to form a brain at the hind end of that nerve, and millions more to develop brain as it exists today with its vast network of correlated nerves. In this infinite time and ever changing conditions, what a field for the development of the innumerable forms of differentiated life.

And if there was any scientific basis for the affirmation of the immutability of species, it would only mean that permanence had been gained by the inexhaustible process of differentiation in the infinite past. Science is becoming Spiritualistic. In further laying the foundation for our conclusions as to the work now demanded of Spiritualists, attention is called to the fact that science is rapidly becoming spiritualized. The hard dry materialism of fifty and one hundred years ago has almost entirely disappeared from the nomenclature of our modern scientists. The essential principles of the idealistic philosophy of the affirmation of the immutability of species, are already shown growing out of, or inhering in the fact of mediumship. The new philosophy of thought evolution would be impossible of discovery independent of mediumship.

It is a genuine spirituality. There is hardly anything about which there is more twaddle than spirituality. All through the ages it has been understood to stand opposed to the common instincts and appetites of our physical nature. To "mortify the flesh" by fasting and prayer and self-denial, has been thought to be the only way to sanctify the human spirit. But we now know that a sound mind must evolve from a sound body. That clear intellectual power joined with an unswerving devotion to the true and right is the only evidence of the possession of true spirituality. The spiritually minded is ready for every good work.

Humility is a brotherhood. Justice must be meted to all, wrong done to none. In other words a lofty devotion to the right. A conscience devoid of offence is the only true spirituality.

The above synopsis gives but a poor idea of this grand address, taken as a whole. It should have been heard to be fully appreciated.

The afternoon lecture was given by Mrs. Anna Orvis in her usual eloquent and impressive manner from a subject given from the audience, all of which were handled in a masterly manner. At four o'clock p. m. a well attended mediums' meeting was held in the pavilion, which was participated in by Prof. Loveland, Mrs. John Lindsey, Will C. Hodge, Mrs. O. A. Blodgett and F. Gordon.

At eight p. m. the concluding lecture of the day was given by Mrs. Anna Orvis. On Tuesday evening a public dance will be given to which all campers are cordially invited. The number of campers here at the opening is considerably smaller than in some former years. The World's Fair and the stringency of money matters have no doubt something to do with this. Quite a number of mediums are already on the ground.

Among them are Mrs. O. A. B. D. of ... test, speaking, and musical medium; Mrs. W. L. Thompson, of Keokuk, Iowa, materializing; C. C. Winans, Edinburg, Ind., materializing; F. Corden White, Chicago, clairvoyant and magnetic physician and test medium; Dr. T. Wilkins, Chicago, magnetic healer; Dr. T. J. Preston, Megoketa, Iowa, magnetic healer and physician; Mrs. A. J. ...

The principal speaker for this week is Mrs. Anna Orvis. Next week we have Mrs. Adah Sheehan of Cincinnati. H. M. ROMANSON.

Fort Wayne, Ind. Mrs. Seery-Hibbitts, the noted trumpet medium, made a most welcome visit to Fort Wayne, agreeable to promises made at her former visit, although her return was not exactly on scheduled time. These mediums are not altogether unlike our spirit friends, in that they think not infrequently that they can do a great deal more than they really can. The great demand for Mrs. Seery-Hibbitts' services, from all points of the compass, leads her oftentimes unintentionally and unwittingly upon her part to make a number of engagements for different places at the same time. While this fact often causes no small amount of annoyance and disappointment, she is not wholly to blame for it. The only wonder to me is that she gets along with her appointments as well as she does. Another fact must be taken into consideration, and that is that she is governed entirely by her controls, and they are not always so readily and promptly consulted when she is asked to make an engagement. To those who are disposed to find fault with her for not keeping her engagements these facts should serve to a great extent as a satisfactory explanation. She does not intend to disappoint or offend any person, but on the contrary, would gladly please all and assist in bringing the masses to a knowledge of a glorious truth of a future existence, that is continuous from the moment of material death, and independent of, wholly separate and distinct from that orthodox immortality that is but hoped for, and does not take on a tangible reality until the "resurrection morn," millions upon millions of years adventure in the future.

I hope those who feel that they have more or less cause for grievance at Mrs. Hibbitts' failure to keep appointments with them, will put themselves in her place for a time, in imagination, and consider if they would be able to do any better than she has done or will be able to do under the circumstances.

The pressing need of the hour is that of more mediums like her. It would not be long before we could have them, too, if those who possess the power would only exercise the patience and faithfulness necessary for its proper development. H. V. SWERINGEN.

Devil's Lake Camp-Meeting. Mrs. B. G. Hoig, secretary of the association, writes from Morenci, Mich., concerning this camp, that it is coming into line for a great and beneficent work, and will, ere long, rank with the best. She calls special attention to the untiring talents of Miss Webster, of Midland, and Mr. Means, of Jackson. She also speaks highly of Mrs. Jameson's singing, and Miss Abby Jalouson's ministrations with accompanying banjo and expression. Hon. L. V. Moulton also endorses the meeting with his eloquence and logic, as did Prof. King, with his tests and life-readings. Describing past and present manifestations occurring in the region, he is also interesting and convincing in his description of the different tests and mediums. Moses and Mattie Hull are now in camp and will remain to the close—August 13.

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News from Correspondents

Letter from Abby A. Judson.

Here I am at Devil's Lake, "the beautiful lake with the evil name," enjoying a camp-meeting with Spiritualists.

Devil's Lake and Round Lake are in Southern Michigan, and are connected by a narrow straight, though wretched steam-boats pass, and over the straight is a bridge.

The Spiritualists in Rome, Mich., was formed some thirty years ago, and is an annual out-door meeting.

Mr. J. B. Allen is the proprietor of the Pleasant Grove Hotel on Devil's Lake, and being an earnest and liberal Spiritualist he gives the use of his grounds to the campers.

The camp began on Friday afternoon, July 28th, by a conference meeting, and it did not take long to recognize true brotherhood in the various workers here.

With her waving white hair, her eyes sometimes merry and sometimes deep with spiritual insight, her strong yet genial features, and her whole souled welcome and hearty support, she is a true mother to this camp.

Mr. M. King stayed with us until Tuesday morning. All who knew him feel his presence as a benediction.

By the way these Michigan workers are splendid hands at a conference. They begin the conference at nine every morning, and the dinner bell has to ring two or three times to get them away.

Some of the mediums on the grounds are Mrs. Webster, of Middletown, O.; Ira J. Howard, of Paw Paw, Mich., and Charles Riley, of Britton, Mich., and for healers we have Mr. Means of Jackson, and Dr. Kelkins, of Hicksville, O.

May Spiritual camps multiply all over the land; and may the Spiritualists in every town and hamlet unite into a society, however small, centralize their own forces, and radiate the light in their own neighborhood.

Under balmy skies and in the midst of good fellowship, the Indiana State Association of Spiritualists opened its third convocation at Chesterfield Camp, July 20th, to extend to August 14th.

This camp ground lies between the flourishing cities of Anderson and Muncie, and is destined to become one of the great gathering places of the West.

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Many improvements are noted. Important among them is the raising and seating of the auditorium, making it one of the latest in the country.

The annual meeting of the State Association was held on the 28th ult. in the auditorium. Reports of secretaries and treasurers showed excellent progress and thrift.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was held at the close of the business meeting and resulted as follows: President, Dr. J. W. Westfield, Anderson, Ind.; first Vice-President, Hon. Levi Cook, Buffalo, Ind.; second Vice-President, R. F. Schmitt, Indianapolis, Ind.; Treasurer, Carroll Brownburg, Chesterfield, Ind.; Secretary, Miss Flora Harding, Anderson, Ind.

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To Preserve

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Sunday, July 30, Lyman C. Howe, Mrs. H. S. Lake. Monday, July 31, Conference.

Tuesday, Aug. 1, Lyman C. Howe. Wednesday, Aug. 2, Special Labor Day, O. P. Kellogg, Sandusky, Wyo., Hon. M. A. Farnam, Lake.

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Saturday, Aug. 5, Mrs. H. S. Lake. Sunday, Aug. 6, Willard J. Hull, Mrs. C. L. V. Richmond.

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Wednesday, Aug. 9, Grand Army Day, A. B. Tuttle. Thursday, Aug. 10, Hudson Tuttle and Mrs. Tuttle.

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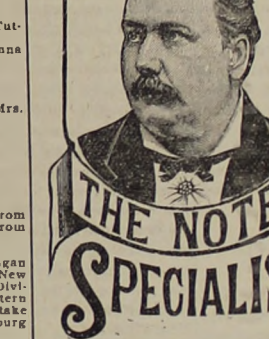
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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

Recognize that Which is Worth Recognition.

In an editorial in the LIGHT OF TRUTH of July 18th and the following—speaking of the death blows given Spiritualism by the orthodox clergy: "It has thrived remarkably on these death-blows—and grown strong by repeated killings—and yet, let one of these little seven by nine preachers say one sentence favorable to Spiritualism and Spiritualists will herald it with acclamation." True, every word of it, the last sentence being pitifully true. Although, perhaps, viewed in the light of the law given by that great law-giver who has ever been held by these same "preachers," as their master and example, "To do unto others as ye would that others should do unto you," it may be right and proper but who ever knew of a minister of the Talmadge type selecting the best they could find in Spiritualism and voicing it from their pulpits, and giving Spiritualists the credit of it? On the contrary, every invective and libel, which, orthodox hatred, intolerance, and ignorance could invent, has repeatedly been hurled at us as Spiritualists from their Christian pulpits. There are many honest, liberal-minded men and women in these called Christian ranks, of these I am not writing, but of that class of whom Talmadge is held up as an honored and almost infallible teacher, who one day will hurl every falsehood imaginable at Spiritualism, and the next be preaching its philosophy and to hear Spiritualists take up and extol this momentary lapse into liberality and truth is simply nauseating when considering the status of the man who has so repeatedly shown himself to be only a bag of windy contradictions—again, quoting from the Rev. Dr. Vanderveer—who calls the woman of Endor a "mind-reader," like the versatile Talmadge when he lapses with Spiritualism he unconsciously draws; what he presents as a sublime truth from the very fount he is trying so hard to overturn, since the term mind-reading had its birth in Spiritualism, verily, they enter their own ranks and steal their armor to clothe their own nakedness.

MARY WEBB BAKER.

THE CATHOLIC QUESTION.

The latest despatches from Europe would indicate that the Pope had assumed the role of the great peacemaker. We are informed that he is desirous of forming an alliance with the Greek Church in Russia and the czar of that country for the purpose of inducing all European nations to disband their armies and live together in Christian unity. While he is amusing the people with a project which he well knows is not feasible and entirely beyond his influence; the question arises why he permits, nay, authorizes the arming and drilling of secret Catholic societies in the United States? If his purpose and desire is to promote peace and prevent sanguinary revolutions in this country it would be wise in his majesty, inverted as he is with supreme power over all his Catholic subjects, to issue his proclamation forbidding his loyal subjects to organize into military companies and drill, so as to be available soldiers in his American army to destroy heretics. One word from him would disband all those organizations now existing in the United States.

But such is not his purpose and no encyclical will ever emanate from the Vatican disbanding his American army. All such organizations of armed companies have been organized at the suggestion of Catholic bishops and cardinals in our country and by express direction from the Roman Hierarchy, or they would not exist. Some one should be held responsible for any violence committed by those quasi military bands, and those who have originated the associations and promoted their treasurable objects occupy high positions in the Catholic Church and represent the Pope in America and constitute the head and front of the organizations. When the riots broke out in New York during the War of the Rebellion, President Lincoln informed Bishop Hughes that he would hold him responsible for all damage to property or injury to persons done by the Catholic mob, and when the bishop spoke the mob disappeared like the soldiers of Roderick Dan did at the wave of his hand.

As a nation we, in some respects, occupy a peculiar position. All European nations have their standing armies under the control and paid and supported by their respective governments. The United States being separated by broad oceans from all foreign nations and thus protected from invasion by foreign powers, have contented themselves with a small military force sufficient to protect the States from Indian marauders. Indeed, our nation has declined to maintain a large standing army as hostile to the liberties of a republican government. Yet strange, to say our legislative and executive departments at Washington are permitting the Pope of Rome to enroll in our free country a large army of his adherents; to organize and arm themselves with Winchester rifles throughout the Eastern and Western States. Each and every one of these persons who belong to said military organizations acknowledge their supreme allegiance as due to the Pope and must obey his edict or be subject to excommunication. They must have a purpose, and unless the opposing element shall organize and arm for protection we may reasonably expect history to repeat its lesson in another massacre of heretics, such as history records in the destruction of Huguenots in France and a war of extermination, such as Rome has not hesitated to enact wherever she has had the power to consummate her purpose. But there are some lessons of history on the other side which the Roman priesthood may profit by. When the revolution occurred in France not more than a century ago, so odious had become the priesthood that out of thirty thousand that administered the sacrament and forgave the sins of the laity only ten thousand escaped alive from that country.

The reaction against religious despotism comes sooner or later, and shows that the providence of God is not always the sustainer of the Catholic despotism or religious persecutions of any sect. I have nothing to say against the Catholic Laity, save and except that they are the blind worshippers of those who claim a supreme spiritual power over them as individuals and fear the curse of Rome more than the teachings of a rational conscience. In conclusion: call out all candidates for office and vote for no man who is not patriotic enough to protect the freedom and honor of the country against all foreign conspiracy by all wise precautions that prudence can suggest or law secure. ANTI CATHOLIC.

THE MONEY QUESTION.

I, too, rejoice like your correspondent Jas. J. Green "to notice your inclination to discuss questions which relate vitally to our welfare on the physical plane." Mr. Green's short letter in the LIGHT OF TRUTH of the 15th of July is worth many times the dollar which I pay yearly for the LIGHT OF TRUTH. The money question is the biggest question before us at present. So-called Christian ministers ignore such subjects altogether. Such of them as have fixed salaries will have their incomes virtually doubled by the wiping out of the silver dollar—for a dollar then will be twice as much. The laboring world has been made to believe that "money" was too deep, too intricate a subject for

common minds and should be left to specialists. Hence the ministers flattered for themselves and vilified the people. All the talk about intrinsic value in silver and gold, and the world, and a twenty dollar gold piece can be bought for ten dollars is silver.

The stamp of this mighty nation is money, the silver and gold are merchandise commodities. Gold and silver are the money of barbarism, paper the money of civilization, but we need four times as much money as we have, and will gladly take any kind that is legal tender. So give us silver and gold on a parity, which means free coinage of both and all people learn to rely on the faith of sixty-five millions of people stamped on durable paper in place of gold, which all people sneaks off and hides in war times and panicky times. Gold is the tool of kingcraft and priestcraft, and it is the duty of the press, of our lecturers, and clergy to enlighten the people and free them from every kind of slavery and superstition. We know there is a spirit world there neither silver nor gold is needed, then let us strive to make this as nearly like that as we can. C. E. TOBBY.

PREFERS THE ORIGINAL.

Please allow me through the columns of your paper to express my gratitude to Mr. Dennis for so ably voicing my sentiments (and no doubt many more). In his defense of our cause he has clearly shown the difference between Spiritualism proper and side-issues. Although it has been side tracked so much with side-issues that it is hard for an inexperienced person to tell which is the main body of the issue. Theosophy in many of its forms is misleading and aims to supplant Spiritualism by drawing therefrom its vitality, claiming to be the head or centre of the great spiritual movement by ignoring Spiritualism, claiming it to be of little or no consequence because, forsooth, it is a modern and an American-born child, and has not been reared in the lap of superstition nor fed upon the crumbs of ancient mysticism. Away with the thought that this age and country is not capable of producing a birth and growth far superior to any of the old-time births and growths of mental or spiritual thought. Spiritualism has given to the world a new life, a grand impetus to action. Hence side issues in growths have sprung up all around it, fed from the over-plus of life, flowing from the great spiritual issue of modern and liberal thought.

Theosophy and Christian science have drawn largely from this fountain, and they claim as their source old East India love with its marvelous magic, etc. The simple sweet fact of our immortal truth is this, let us emphasize it: Do our darling ones still live, and if so, how shall we help them to better demonstrate the fact of their continued existence? This problem is before the world and all are called upon to help solve it. So one by one, as we demonstrate the fact, shall the chains of superstition be broken that have been riveted by Eastern mysticism and magic. Long ages ago this truth struggled for an existence, but was buried in the rubbish of mysticism. It slumbered to be born again in this land of liberty.

Long live the light of truth with its immortal message of Spiritualism to redeem by education from the mental and physical bondage. No side track here need to draw from the main issue. Oh! Spiritualists of the nineteenth century, be brighter by removing the debris of past ages; this every honest worker is now doing in educating the people out of the same. MRS. GOODILL.

THOUGHTS.

The obtuse problems of philosophy, the attainments of scientific research, the demonstration of practical issues in the conduct of human affairs—religious and secular—render our investigations important and our deductions vital to the success and happiness of advanced thinkers. We stand in the broad light of the immortal shrine of Spiritualism, where every attitude of life's ruling principles can be readily understood and their effects anticipated.

Here we preach what we practice. We live and love in a world of activity and beauty. To progress from a lower mental capacity to a higher and grander, is a doubtless result and a logical problem in evolution. Does orthodox nurse the bleeding heart of humanity with tender and cheerful assurances of a destiny large enough for all? Can it point the way to progression? Is it going far to tell you that you are a sinner, and the devil is sure to get you? Is it fruitful of good to cherish the devil's hateful image in warm and loving hearts? Is not it illogical to believe and defend such a doctrine as that which includes the theory of hell and the personality of the devil, with his orthodox pitchfork with three prongs?

Our judgment of those whose fate or the unfortunate lack of opportunities in early life made ideas of religion a part of their parental heritage, is modified according to their mental structure. We do not consider it just to blame them for the unhappy sequence of a parental mistake in religion. All things are natural. Every result is the effect of a cause. It is the purpose of evolution to embellish the material in the universe and to fit it for its highest uses. Orthodoxy has been a great adjunct to civilization, and we do not hesitate to say that it has had a vigorous and prosperous journey down the centuries; and we believe that for the general quality of mentality common in medieval times, it has been more efficient than Spiritualism would have been. In those untruly times Spiritualism would have failed in its highest purposes. It would have been used as a shield for the bad and a source of bewilderment to the good. It would have been misapprehended and misjudged. Therefore the grand awakening was reserved for the nineteenth century.

What We See.

We see that the Roman Catholic papers are devoting a great deal of their space to the American Protective Association; That this is pretty good evidence that the A. P. A. has hit the Romish Church in a vulnerable spot; That to defeat a Roman Catholic politician is to deplete the pocket of the priest; That religion and politics are bad bed fellows; That when a Romish priest denounces any political movement it is the best reason why the people should support it; That the highest interests of our government do not depend upon the temporal power of Roman Catholicism.—Boston Investigator.

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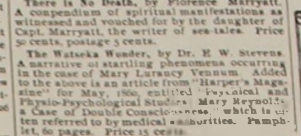
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