









## Spirit Communications.

Under this head each number of MIND AND MATTER will contain three or more communications from spirits, such as may be of general interest, and at the same time intended to demonstrate the psychological power and influence of disembodied human intelligence over the physical organism of those sensitive persons known as spiritual mediums. In choosing matter for this purpose, we will give nothing but that which we personally know, or have every reason to believe, is from communicating spirits. The question of the veracity of the spirits communicating, we will in no case attempt to determine, as that is a matter that would require facilities of perception which we do not pretend to possess.

Communications received through the mediumship of Alfred James, June 2, 1878, and taken down by the editor of MIND AND MATTER.

GOOD MORNING, GENERAL.—My name is Uziel Knapp. My home is in Saratoga, New York. (We asked who he greeted us by that title, he replied: "You are a general of the spirit forces, and you have their commission. My earthly remains are buried a little while ago, but I am still the last survivor of the Life Guard of General Washington. Why I spared in mortal life when other and better men died? I come to talk on the subject of the spirit world to you, a soldier who, under the orders of his superior, storms a redoubt and falls in the assault, is a suicide, as much as he who turns his hand against his own life.")

"A strange subject, you will say, for an old soldier, but nevertheless one of vital importance. As all persons who are born here are born here without their own consent, who dare say that they have no right to go out of this life with their own consent? What is life but a cloud? To-day flying, or the subject of the spirit world, to-morrow. We all bear an impress for good or ill. These impressions are imprinted in certain surroundings and cannot get out of them. War accomplishes only one thing, and that is, it allows a man to commit suicide without injury to his own conscience. This I have been told since I entered the spirit-life. Thoughts like these scarcely ever flitted across my mind in mortal life. But I have advanced some. The man or woman must be very ignorant in spirit-life if they do not learn the spiritual philosophy.

GOOD-NIGHT, GENERAL."

"Sir.—In this mortal life, I understood the spirit world well. I was a medium. I have healed many, and I know that the spirit world is not a mystery. I understood the way to happiness correctly, and I bless this spiritual philosophy for guiding my spirit to a correct understanding of the spirit-life."

"The spirit-world is here all around you. You are to-day as much a spirit as you ever will be. Those who have strong wills exert great power for the success or failure of their undertakings. I am born sensitive to these influences as a blessing, if those who are subjected to them are sheltered by proper surroundings, but no greater curse could befall them. In the former case, they will be unreliable and vacillating until they alienate their best friends. But who will sit in judgment upon them? The spirit world is not a mystery. It is in the same surroundings and born under the same difficulties, would be ten times worse than they are."

"In the language of Thomas Paine, 'To do good was my religion, and I never had a greater courage, though, at times, my powers were weak and I could not command them.'"

"Bless all, and may we all follow out that precept—'Judge not lest ye be judged.'"

LOUISA TUBBARD, Barton, Vermont.

[We would be obliged for any information concerning the earthly career of this spirit.—Ed.]

"GOOD MORNING, SIR.—No man can grasp much knowledge of the spirit world, but I, as a person, by the superiority of their surroundings, have been enabled to learn more than their fellow-men, and to publish it. MIND AND MATTER, your office, price 10 cents, or \$1 per dozen."

"This phenomenon of a spirit speaking through a foreign organism would have been looked upon, by us, in my mortal life, as a miracle, and we would have been as much in awe of it as you are now. But that which is an absurdity to-day may become a real tangible fact to-morrow. We may place ourselves in certain positions and deny most unphatically the truth of the spirit world, but in our younger days of mortal life, but before we reach old age we may have to subscribe to that which we deny in our youth."

"This spirit world is a study from its variety, for there stands out before you undisguised the libertines, the drunkards, and many self-righteous spirits, in the spirit world, stand out as clearly as in the mortal world. Indeed, it makes me sad to see before me only a few that you can behold without a shudder. Cant and hypocrisy can be veiled in the mortal life, but in the great day of account, you will be guided to escape, because you have reached a higher condition of matter."

I thank you for this privilege.

ROBERT BARNWELL RHETT, St. James's Parish, La.

We have no means of knowing whether this communication comes from the spirit it purports to come from or not. We do not know whether it is the spirit of Robert Barnwell Rhett of South Carolina, who in 1876 conducted a newspaper at New Orleans, La.; but whether he is deceased or not we cannot ascertain. The name is given, and at our request, spelled Barnwell and not Barnwell. Can any of our Louisiana friends give us any light upon the subject? We are, of course, guided by the spirit medium, said he had been an active politician.—[Ed.]

"GOOD MORNING.—It is lucky for us that in this world all persons are more willing to embrace error than truth." (We remarked that we did not understand that declaration. The controlling spirit said: "I will explain it, because it gives me aid in our mortal organisms. Once get their prejudices warped in a certain direction and we are sure to succeed. In your converse to-day you have had your mind now guided by the spirit world.")

"When a man devotes his mortal life to propagating a certain religion, he will marshal all his forces on the plains of error, and he will kill all opposition by fair means or foul, he will kill all opposition by fair means or foul. The more ignorant the people are, the better the chance we have to work upon them. Use them as they are, and you will have the masses of our own church as ignorant as we can; for their ignorance is our sword of power, and with it we will slay all our enemies. With an insidious cunning, we will use the law, the law, we will wait for the propitious moment—like a mighty but constrictor, we will crush you in our folds. Enlightened? What care I for such a word as that? It is not in my creed and it will not be considered by me. He who attempts to frustrate my plans must abide the worst consequences, for as the Son of God said He had legions of angels, that he could call to his aid, so I say, legions of spirits who work for the propagation of their favorite ideas and those for which they labored in their mortal lives."

You can sign this to this communication.

LAS CASAS,

A Priest of the Holy Catholic Church.

[As this spirit left "Wild Cat" said that he heard a voice say that he was a Catholic missionary in the Southern countries of this continent, and that he was the first of his kind to be sent to these countries. If this is correct, then, this bigoted spirit was none other than Bartolome Las Casas, the Catholic Apostle to the heathen in the Indies. He was born in Seville, Spain, in 1474, and died in Madrid in July, 1556. He accompanied Columbus on his second and third voyages. On his return to Spain he entered the Order of Dominicans, with a view of being employed as a missionary to the Indians. He went to St. Domingo in 1502, was ordained there in 1510, and celebrated the first high mass that had ever been heard from a priest ordained in the new world. Two years afterwards he accompanied Velasquez to Cuba as his chaplain, and attracted attention by the influence which his mildness and charitable feelings over the native population. He entered with zeal into the interests of the unfortunate Indians oppressed by their European conquerors, and in 1515 sailed for Spain to obtain for them the complete redemption of Las Casas, who, in the following year became regent, sent out three Hieronymite monks to correct the abuses complained of, but the efforts of this commission were unavailing. He was then sent to the Indies, and was employed as a missionary to the Indians. He was soon retired again to Spain for stricter and more efficient regulations, and was appointed "universal protector of the Indians." At Seville he saw the Indians from the complete extermination that threatened them, Las Casas, who had seen the Af-

rican thriving and robust beneath the sun of Hispaniola, proposed the introduction of negro slaves to labor in mines and on sugar plantations, and relieve the natives. The plan which benevolence had suggested, was caught up by the Colonists, and the traffic in negroes became a lucrative commerce, and the servitude of one race was only given up for that of another. The remainder of the Roman Catholic religion in Venezuela, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Peru, and in writing the history of the countries in which he had labored as a propagandist of the Roman Catholic faith.

It would seem from the above communication that, although this spirit has been in the spirit life three hundred and thirteen years, he is so tied down by his earth-acquired prejudices as to have made no progress whatever as a spirit, and knows no higher and truer ambition than to perpetuate his hateful influence by keeping his deluded followers in ignorance of all that it concerns them most to know. What a lesson for those who are to-day engaged in the same work of heartless deception.

Lectures, Mediums, Brief News Items, &c.

B. F. Underwood, Liberalist, will speak during this month in Alliance, Ohio.

Dr. J. M. Peebles and E. P. Whipple have been in Alliance, Ohio, during the present week.

Mrs. Macdonald Gregory has so far recovered from her illness that she is able to drive out occasionally.

Twenty-seven hundredths of an inch of rain fell recently in California which was regarded as a great natural favor.

A Spiritualist association has recently been organized at Easton, Conn. A spacious hall has been leased for five years.

Spiritualism in the west end of London is making much progress, privately. The chief portion of its advance is not publicly seen.

Horace M. Richards, medium, paid MIND AND MATTER office a pop visit a few days ago. His health is somewhat better.

The Vermont State Spiritualist Association will hold an annual convention at Plymouth, Vermont, on June 14th to 15th inclusive.

Business shows evident improvement in California since the adoption of the new constitution in that State, by a vote of the citizens.

Bishop A. Beals, France speaker, has been highly complimented by the "Times," Vis. Mr. Beals address for June is Waukegan, Ills.

*Sin-cher* is a compound Chinese word, the monosyllabic *sin* means spirit, and *cher* means ruler. The word when compounded means "spirit ruler."

Spiritual Philosophy is looming up in Atlanta, Georgia. The fact is, the philosophy is like an india rubber ball, the harder you knock it down the higher it bounces.

There are many perplexing problems in Spiritualism, and they are certainly on the increase. The question of the spirit world, and the mysteries is agitated in the London Spiritualist.

The communication published to-day from the spirit of Billy, the bootblack, is worth more than ordinary attention. It exhibits an improvement in relation in keeping with his progress in the spirit life.

Spiritualists and Liberalists visiting Atlantic City, will find a comfortable boarding house at Conover's Cottage, on Arctic avenue, between Maryland and Virginia avenues. The terms are arranged to suit the patron.

Strawberries and other small fruits in southern New Jersey have been ruined by the heat of the sun, no rain of any account having fallen for six consecutive weeks. Several shovels fell this week into the late berries.

The pamphlet of Joseph Beals, of Greenfield, Mass., historically valuable to every student of history in particular and Spiritualists in general, is now published by the MIND AND MATTER office, price 10 cents, or \$1 per dozen.

Evangelist Moody has returned to his home "down east," where he will enjoy the ease and comfort of his magnificent mansion, recuperate his wasted energies, and refresh his brain with the "devil and his angels" after the heated term.

Mr. S. H. Elwell, a skeptic, and R. C. Livingston, who attended a number of seances of the Eddys, at the "Brotherly Love," in New York, publish a card in the "Olive Branch" defending their position against the attacks made upon them by Mr. and Mrs. Coleman.

The third anniversary of the Odd Fellow's Old Man's Home, at 17th and Toga streets, Philadelphia, was celebrated on Monday evening, June 5. The arrangements were supervised by the auxiliary board of ladies. The celebration was a grand success.

Mr. F. O. Matthews, test and clairvoyant medium of Birmingham, England, made his first appearance before the Glasgow Association of Spiritualists on Sunday morning, May 4. He gave a very interesting and surprising account of the spirit world.

The Mormons have started a colony in Little Colorado, Arizona. In the same zone and neighborhood are old settlements of Zuni Indians, disciples of Zoroaster. They are civil, pastoral, pious, moral and hospitable. Their religion is derived from nature, their morals from common sense.

The recent meeting of the Van Buren County Michigan Association of Spiritualists, was a pronounced success. A young man, controlled by a high order of intelligence, and a spiritual singing and instrumental music by Mrs. Childs, are spoken of in terms of great commendation.

We invite the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Mrs. D. J. C. Phillips, in this issue, in another column of this paper. We are gratified to know that Mrs. Stansbury is largely patronized by those who are seeking light in the subject of Spiritualism, and that high qualifications as a medium are so generally acknowledged by them.

An application for the pardon of John S. Morton, formerly President of the Market Street Railway Company, has been prepared, and it will probably be presented at the next meeting of the Board of Pardon. An editorial in reference to this subject will appear in the next number of MIND AND MATTER.

Pope Leo XIII is about to fulminate a "bull" against the civil authorities of Italy against a recently enacted law, the law of the Pope, which is made by the civil before the ecclesiastical powers. This will prove to be about as valueless as the Pope's bull against the comet, that we sometimes read about.

Mrs. A. H. Robinson has removed from her former residence to No. 1533 South Dearborn street, Chicago, Ills., to which address all communications to her should be in future sent. Mrs. Robinson has secured the services of one of the best magnetic healers, a lady, who is at her residence and ready to treat patients magnetically.

A very fat colored one not very long since attended a revival meeting in the outskirts of Cambridge, Mass. He got religion, and was on a very hot Sunday afternoon she appeared on the public highway with a scythe-biade, which she nourished over her head, shouting, "Make way for de cherubim of de Lord!" She was locked up.

The society of progressive Spiritualists and Liberals of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, met in room No. 1, P. O. Block, in that city, on Sunday evenings. The exercises will consist of short speeches and essays on religious and scientific subjects, accompanied by music. All persons interested in the progression of human thought and Spiritual freedom are cordially invited.

The Camden and Atlantic Railroad Company celebrated the 25th anniversary of that organization by a visit to the "city by the sea," on Thursday, June 5. A very large train filled with distinguished ladies and gentlemen participated in the excursion under the supervision of Dr. Charles D. Freeman, President; Mr. D. M. Zimmerman, Treasurer, assisted by the Board of Directors.

The Dalton Association for Spiritualistic enquiry, hold regular meetings at their rooms, 53 Spring street, New York, on Wednesday evenings. The following named contributed to the entertainment: Mrs. Elgie Corner, Madame Ourry, Miss Tippins, Mr. T. Blyton, Mr. Davey, Mr. and Mrs. Goldrey, Mr. J. Bruce Gillon, Mr. Norington and Mr. Thomas Shorter.

At a test manifestation under the auspices of the Investigating Committee of the Psychological Society of London a chair was threaded on the arm of Mr. Sergeant, while he was grasping the end of a rope. Mr. C. Williams, the Colonists. This physical manifestation took place under such test conditions as to preclude all possibility of doubt or trick.

The Psychological Society of Great Britain held its fifth anniversary on May 15. The officers are as follows: President, Mr. Sergeant Cox; Treasurer, Lord Borthwick; Mr. William F. Crookes, F. R. S. M. George Harris, L. L. Hon. Percy Wyndham, M. P., was elected to a vacant seat in the council.

Another sickening child murder has just been committed in Wisconsin. The *La Cross Democrat* says: Nicholas Altenhofer, of Kewaskum, Wisconsin, having been driven to insanity on the subject of religion, dashed the brains out of his six-week-old child on the sidewalk, and then took the dead body to the parish priest, to whom the father confessed his crime.

In consequence of the ecclesiastical power in Spain refusing to permit the burial of the bodies of two Catholics because of not having received absolute an appeal was made to the civil power. An order was issued to have the bodies buried as desired by the relatives, but the order was not obeyed. The royal or civil mandate was not obeyed by the Bishop. See Christian Gleanings published in another column as to the arrogated power of the Romish Church.

Charles Goodwin, of Portsmouth, N. H., went crazy about two weeks ago from religious excitement under the teaching of Elder Wait. The obsessed individual ran about the streets shouting that he had a revelation from the Lord, and was going to build a column for him. He was locked up in an insane asylum. When will people study the glorious truths of Spiritualism, based as they are upon facts, which soothe the feelings and ennoble human life.

A friend writes from Moravia, Cayuga county, N. Y., June 1, 1878, I wish to inform you that Eddy's medium or spirit form materialization, is now located in this place and for the present staying at the home of Morris Keeler. The manifestations are truly wonderful, and very often come out and sit with the company present; also the spirits often magnetize and manipulate the sick. We are having a glorious time. William Eddy's sister, Mrs. E. Brown, is having very interesting manifestations in her dark seances. The spirits play upon instruments, talk, caress their friends, heal the sick and do many other wonderful things. We often hear several voices sing and talk at the same time.

Billy, the Bootblack, Greeting to His Young Friends, through a lady Medium never before controlled by him.

I am Billy, the bootblack. I have much to say to the poor little boys and girls of the streets of this city, and through a promise given me by you last evening, I have gained the control of your spirit guide to write for Mr. Robert Powell, of MIND AND MATTER. A long time ago I wandered through the streets of this great city, cold, hungry, and without a friend, and I was very lonely. I was without friends or money; without a loving word or throb of sympathy for my suffering from the passing throng that came and went with averted faces and scornful looks. I was alone, and I was swelled the bosoms of those with whom I was daily associated as a bootblack; but, ever and anon, a kick and a frown, a blow and a keen cutting word, was my lot. I was alone, and I was very lonely. I was without friends or money; without a loving word or throb of sympathy for my suffering from the passing throng that came and went with averted faces and scornful looks. 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