

SPIRITUAL UNIVERSE.

ABSOLUTE TRUTH, ESSENTIAL RIGHTEOUSNESS, IMMACULATE PURITY: HOLY ASPIRATION, CONSTANT PROGRESSION, ULTIMATE PERFECTION.

"Brethren, fear not; for Error is mortal and can not live, and Truth is immortal and can not die."

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Principles of Nature.

"When distributive justice pervades the social world, virtue and morality will bloom with an immortal beauty; while the sun of righteousness will arise in the horizon of universal industry, and shed its genial rays over all the fields of peace, plenty, and Human Happiness."

For the Spiritual Universe.

THE WATER OF LIFE.

The following was spoken by Rev. CHAS. HAMMOND, at Adrian, Michigan, June, 16th, 1852, while in a spiritual condition:

There is a river clear as crystal, coming down from Heaven: there is a stream of light, there is a voice that speaks to the heart. I am with you always, I will not leave nor forsake you: abide in my counsels: the pure and the upright shall be protected from all harm.

Drink from that river, for it will feed your souls with the bread of life. Be pure; bathe in that stream, that you may be cleansed from all pollution. Say to the down-trodden, I will lift you up. Say to the desponding, fear not, for in Heaven are no tears, nor sorrows, nor pains, nor vexations. For Wisdom is the bread of the soul; Truth is the staff of life, and Holiness is the helmet of salvation.

Be wise, be good, be faithful, and the crown of holiness shall be placed upon your heads. Oh! that the world might see the Light of Salvation which robs Death of its sting, which casteth fear and wrong. Be faithful to your trust; be harmonious in your circle; be meek, be humble, and the Glory of the Lord shall cover the earth.

This is but the beginning, it is but a ray of light beaming from Heaven in comparison of what remains to be unfolded. It is true, to you it is a truth which will unfold itself forever. Gird on your armor, the armor of Peace, the armor of Love, the armor of Wisdom, and you shall see the Peace and Glory of Heaven. You shall stand upon a rock, and the gates of hate and enmity shall not prevail against you.

For the Spiritual Universe.

MR. VALENTINE,

The following is a private communication from a friend in the Spirit-land. You can do as you like about publishing it.

D. A. SMITH.

Earthly experience has been mine, as you well know, and I am now realizing the great unknown future, towards which I have so often cast anxious thoughts previous to my change. My earthly career you are well acquainted with, and needs no repetition. Consanguinity is strong, and often leads us from our happier home above, again to earth to learn relative to your advancement and spiritual progress. Our thoughts linger around all dear friends with stronger affection than the world ever knew, and more enduring are the ties which now bind our hearts together. Reciprocity of feeling we desire, consequently we endeavor to make known our presence, that you may fully realize our good intentions

and earnest wishes for your happiness. We do not always succeed as we wish, and many times, not having perfect control, cannot strive as we would; but we do the best we can.

Situated as we now are, blessed with new powers of mind, disrobed of earthly clay and clothed with a new body from heaven, our interior perceptions have become so much enlarged, that we now realize more fully the goodness and greatness of JEROME. And as we are led to behold His mighty works, adoration fills our souls; while contemplating the great beauty and harmony of all things, the wonderful arrangement of all His works, astonishment fills our whole being, and we are amazed at our former dullness of comprehension and blindness. Earth is full of strange mysteries, which a long life cannot solve, of beauties which you can never appreciate.

Listlessness or want of energy prevents many minds from studying the great volume of Nature, and the pages which should be learnt while upon earth, remain yet unopened, and all is left unlearned until after they awake in their new home, when born with a new spirit, they eagerly devour the very things they should have known long before; the sealed book is then read with avidity. Great beauty can be seen in all things when the spiritual vision is opened; every flower, insect, and mineral, are specimens of the great whole, and show the handiwork of the great Original, the first conceiver of all things. Every breeze speaks of His love a mission to perform the utility of which none can fathom, save He, from whose hand it proceeded. Perfect love controls all things and universal all the works of nature, all things terrestrial and celestial, are tending toward an equilibrium, and will ultimately be in perfect harmony one with the other. Antagonism will be seen no longer, when perfect harmony and love can exist. Man in his early development is prone to wander from the shining orb of goodness, to the darkened paths of recklessness and disobedience, thereby causing himself much trouble and pain. To pursue the right path of duty, would be to experience perfect happiness, to wander away to realize unmitigated suffering. But the erring will yet be led back to duty. There is no sinner so fallen that a kind father's love cannot reach him, and draw him by the indissoluble chain of love yet to His throne. The Great I Am never intended that any of His work should perish, and all the children of His love will yet know their Father and cheerfully obey His will, and all move on together in beautiful harmony toward perfection. Infinite love ever remains the same, and cannot punish eternally; Divine displeasure does not draw any soul to hell as some doctrines teach. Such beliefs are false, and only serve to harden the heart, to dry up the rich fount of love implanted in every bosom. There is no hell save remorse of conscience, that is the worm that dieth not, the fire that is not quenched. Penitence alone will atone for any sin, and when a sin is truly repented of, reformation commences and punishment ceases. The doctrine of total depravity is wrong. No heart was ever so entirely debased as to wish to sin and sin only: all are formed with loving hearts, but so many evil influences exist in the world, that circumstances and wrong education have led all to sin. But it was not so in the beginning. God never designed that man should thus be led away, but he broke away from the laws of nature and committed one disobedience after another until sin became a part almost

of his existence. It was not one great sin which man has been guilty of, but a thousand little ones, and so long as sin exists among you, so long will its punishment follow. Death of the body does not immediately wipe out its stain, long cleansing alone will remove the foul blot. Character cannot be formed anew in a moment, but a gradual change can and will be effected, when placed under favorable circumstances. When we enter this sphere, a love surpassing anything the world ever knew, beckons us on to purity. Outstretched arms of endearing affection point out the right path of duty, and none can long resist its charms. Virtue is more alluring than sin when once rightly seen. Much of our sentimental education has been wrong, and our first duty is, to unlearn the wrong there imbibed. Our prejudices must here be cast away, and a new life commenced, irrespective of the old, and oh, could you see the incentive which leads us on from one beautiful lesson to another, the ardent desire to know more and see more of God's goodness and of the joy which fills our hearts, when first we enter this sphere, and all doubts as to continued existence are removed, and we find we go on learning to all eternity your hearts would be melted with love, and you would receive a new motive to continue steadfast in the work you have to perform, and better prepare yourself for advancement here.

Wisdom from on high will be given you while a resident on earth, if you desire it, and in proportion as you desire it, you are now receiving it. Very many of your thoughts of a spiritual nature, are given you by spirit friends who love to impart of their wisdom, to dear friends still in the flesh. Oh! my friends, could I speak to you of the ever-abiding love which fill our hearts toward earth, and make known to you the loving kindness of our Father as we now see it, your hearts would be filled with increasing happiness. We are all journeying on the same road of life together, you in the first sphere, we in the second; but all are traveling the same great thoroughfare together; all branches of one family, all dependent upon the same unfailing source of protection and undying love.

We love to linger around your dear homes and witness your progress from our more elevated position, and fondly lead you on, with loving words of encouragement, bidding you have no fears, but press onward, rejoicing that there is another and better state of existence beyond the grave where all is peace. Oh! have no fears concerning that change which must come to all: it should not be dreaded; oh no, but cheerfully look forward to, as the door of egress, by which you can leave one department that has become too small and cramped for your expanding soul, and opening into another of more comely proportions and far more beautiful. Look not upon death with dread, but with pleasureable emotions, as the emancipation of the soul from its worn out tenement, no longer fit for use. Forget all old educational teachings, it is those that give you fear. I often wonder at my former thoughts of death, although my religious views led me to think more favorably of an hereafter than many minds, yet there was a mysterious gloom associated with the dying moment, which made me cling to earth with a tenacity not easily destroyed; therefore, I more readily sympathize with mortal flesh. The termination of my earthly career was sudden and unexpected. In the twinkling of an eye was I ushered into eternity, and when my vision was first unclouded, doubt as to

where I was, and what had happened were my first thoughts. I was not long in suspense; bright and beautiful beings surrounded me with words of love, and opened to my wondering imagination, blissful scenes I had never before conceived of. Pure, seraphic angels bade me look upward, and with a thankful heart, view the lovely scene around me. There lay my mutilated form, my former self, but all that was conscious of it, conscious still, and wondering at my deliverance.

It was a strange thing to me that first realization of continued existence, all doubts removed as to consciousness of the spirit after dissolution of the body for there lay the inanimate form, here the spirit was gazing upon it, and that spirit was but myself, thinking, feeling, experiencing every emotion as acutely as when but a short time before, I was mingling with loved friends of earth. I was with you when my mangled and lifeless body was laid with its mother earth, and gladly would have assumed the grief of my dear family, could it have been so, I sought to comfort them with bright hopes of the future, and gently whispered words of continued affection, but the mortal ears were fast closed, and words of love could not penetrate to their inner perception, wrapped as they were in sorrow's sable garment, and I could but linger near, and fondly watch over them, patiently waiting for the day to come when the thick veil separating us should be rent asunder. That veil is already partially removed and the mists of darkness floating before your eyes, are being dissolved by the radiant light of spiritual truth.

Could I see my family become perfectly convinced that these lines were indeed given by me, and by none other, my joy would be unbounded. I have faith that they will yet all be led to know the truth and realize it fully, and thereby receive comfort. To have certain evidence will be to receive comfort, for then death's terrors will be entirely removed and the future life be founded upon a basis not to be shaken. 'Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen,' and I trust that faith will yet be given you, and your confidence be strengthened that the wintry blast of an angry sky will only serve to show more clearly the bright sun hidden behind the tempestuous cloud.

In Love I must now leave you. A. G.

Happy and glorious are the times when men can exercise their right to speak and publish the truth.—*Tacitus*.

That which is termed civilizing a nation may only be binding them in stricter bonds of servitude.—*Tacitus*.

The rational use of life is the enjoyment of natural principles.—*Carneades*.

No feeling mind can be insensible to the sufferings of others.—*Bias*.

The envy of your friends is as much to be feared as the malice of your enemies.—*Cicero*.

True friendship requires virtue to make it honorable, freedom to make it pleasant, and kind offices to render it useful.—*Plutarch*.

The just man may be esteemed a happy man.—*Socrates*.

Against passion we must oppose reason.—*Dionysius*.

PHENOMENA IN ENGLAND.

The English Newspapers are endeavoring to be learned on some strange facts, which have recently taken place at Chelsea, London. The initiatory phenomenon, of course, excite great attention and curiosity there, as they do elsewhere, and as they have aroused many persons on this continent.—Hereafter, things will take their place. In the mean time, the Spectator will do well to investigate calmly all those facts which Nature so abundantly supplies. Here is a brief account of the facts to which we have alluded:—*N. Y. Reformer.*

"The neighborhood of the Fulham-road has been in a state of extraordinary excitement from the rumor that a supernatural apparition had thrown several persons into fits. The following is the story:—At No. 6 Pond-terrace, College-street, Chelsea, resides a family by the name of Ward. Ward's family consists of two sons, excavators, aged twenty-five and twenty-seven, and a daughter, aged seventeen. In the same house resides a family named Parsloe. On Thursday night, Emily Ward, upon going into her bedroom, saw the apparition, and fainted away. Upon her brother James coming home he was so terrified by the sight that he fell into violent fits.—The noise alarmed the lodgers, and Mrs. Parsloe, an elderly matron, opened the door and she likewise went into fits at the sight of the spectre. The eldest son coming and ascertaining how matters were, made up to the ghost and endeavored to clutch it; but, to his horror, although the spectre stood before him, he could feel nothing substantial, and he straightway followed the example of the preceding ghost-seers. His fits, however, required several men to hold him down, and lasted for hours. By this time hundreds of people were collected around the house, and the policeman on the beat being informed that it was a ghost, most prudently deferred entering the house until he had a reinforcement.—Having received the aid of three of his comrades in blue, an entry was made by bursting in the door.—What they saw is not clearly known; but they audibly declared that they would not stay in the house for untold gold, and advised the inmates to leave the ghost in uninterrupted possession. Ward, sen. came in at this juncture and stayed the emigration. By this time the streets were impassable, and hundreds of people were outside the house as late as 5 o'clock in the morning. This brought up another reinforcement of the blues, and although they remained and searched the premises in every direction, the most horrible moans and noises continued. The doors kept opening and slamming to without any visible agency. The noises still continue, and a nomadic preacher was on the premises yesterday to exorcise the spirit. The description of the spectre given by each of the witnesses is the same—a man with deathly features and snowy garments falling to the floor.—*London Globe.*

Mr. Robert Owen has received special intelligence respecting the above apparition. He has written to *The Morning Post*.

"Sir: at 4 o'clock to-day I had, by appointment with the spirits of President Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin, a *seance* of importance for an hour and a half, and afterwards at 6 o'clock, also by appointment, with His Royal Highness, the Duke of Kent, for an hour, after which I inquired if any other spirit was present, and Shelley, the poet, an old friend of mine, announced his presence and willingness to answer any questions, and the inclosed conversation occurred. I asked if it should be published, and he replied, 'Yes, and in *The Morning Post*.' He also wished myself and the two mediums who were present to accompany him to see this spirit to-morrow at five o'clock. It will, I think, interest the public.—Yours truly, Robert Owen."

"I inquired of the spirit of Shelley if the ghost in Pond-terrace is a spirit from the spirit world, and he says that he is. I asked of what family? the spirit of Shelley replied, 'Of the family of Ward.' I then asked, 'Do you know what the spirit wishes?' 'Yes; to make mediums.' 'In what way?' 'Because we wish to convince them that the spirits wish to communicate with their earthly friends.' 'From what sphere is this spirit?' 'From the fourth sphere.' All this was obtained by the alphabet.—*R. O.*"

A correspondent writing to cotemporary states the facts of the case as follows:

"In the house No. 6 Pond-terrace, there lived a young man of the name of James Ward, who is subject to fits, when he is attacked, bring on certain delusions, and hence the report. This was the first fit he had for the last four years. The only constables who visited the room where the man in question was lying were Acting Sergeant Wright, 39 B, and Constable Rice, 248 B, who state that they never saw anything but the unfortunate sufferer." The landlord of the house confirms the statement.

SPIRITUAL UNIVERSE.

A. V. VALENTINE, EDITOR.
ASSISTED BY KINDRED SPIRITS.

*"Bold in speech and bold in action,
Be forever!—Time will test,
Of the free-souled and the slavish,
Which fulfills life's mission best:
Be thou like the noble orient—
Scorn the threat that bids thee fear;
SPEAK!—no matter what be the foe,
Let them strike, but make them hear!
Be thou like the great Apostle—
Be thou like heroic Paul;
If a free thought seek expression,
Speak it boldly!—Speak it all!
Face thine enemies—accuse;
Scorn the prison, rack or rod!
And, if thou hast Truth to utter,
SPEAK! and leave the rest to God."*

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CLEVELAND:
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1853.

ARCHITECTURE.

Three miles from Cleveland, on the road leading to Newburgh, stands a neat and tasty cottage, which, by its architectural beauty and lovely simplicity attracts the attention of every traveler. It is built of plain red brick; the central or principal part being two stories in height, and surmounted by an elegant cupola, from which a fine view of the surrounding country can be obtained. On each side of the central part, or house proper, is built a wing one story high; these two wings being of the same size, add much to the appearance of the structure. The house is in the midst of a garden that is laid out in plats and walks with faultless regularity; the whole being surrounded by an uncommonly neat fence.

Think not, kind reader, that we have said thus much with a view of introducing you to a harmonious family, or theorizing upon the feasibility of transforming earth to a heaven. No, we had no such idea. We have said it for the benefit of those complacent, self-conceited "lords of creation," who are continually talking of woman's inferiority to man; for the building of this house was superintended by a Woman! The plan, which is very original, was drawn by a woman; and, indeed, all the work usually performed by an architect, was done by female ingenuity. Yes, more; she also made all the purchases, bargained for the foundation stone, the brick, finishing lumber, and all the materials. With this evidence of woman's ability, how can any one oppose her elevation from a state of servitude to man, to one of equal rights and privileges? None can, except those persons of a selfish disposition, who wish the exclusive enjoyment of these privileges.—The fact is that woman has the faculties, which, with cultivation and education, will enable her to make as good an artist of any kind, as man.

We wish to see a change in this respect; to see woman filling those stations, and engaged in those occupations for which she seems fitted by nature, and for which actual experience proves that she is fully competent. And a change is slowly taking place; the successful results attendant upon introducing women into printing offices, as has lately been done to no inconsiderable extent, have led many to a perception of the fact, that the usages of society in past times, in regard to the treatment and employment of women, were as unprofitable as they were unjust. Let woman's intellect be educated—let her judgment be exercised—let her natural powers be developed and brought forth; then shall we see many stations now solely occupied by men, filled by women, who will perform all the duties of those stations, with honor to themselves and profit to society.

THE SCHOOLMATE.—We would call the attention of our readers to the prospectus of *The Schoolmate*, in another column. This magazine has been established two years, and is a very neat, well conducted and cheap publication. Moreover, it is a reformatory in its tendency, so that we can justly recommend it as a magazine for the young, that has no equal.—Knowing its excellent adaptation to the wants of the public, we some time since solicited of the publishers an agency, which they have granted us. We will, therefore, receive subscriptions, and to extend its circulation, and thus widen the sphere of its usefulness, we offer the following premium:

To any person sending us Two Dollars, we will send the *Schoolmate* and the *Spiritual Universe*, both for one year, and one copy of the work entitled "A Book for Sceptics" or, one copy of the "Spirit Voices," or instead of either, a Psychometrical delineation of the character of the person who writes the letter; the delineation being given by a clairvoyant.

To any person sending Three Dollars, we will send one copy of the *Universe* and two of the *Schoolmate*, or, two of the *Universe* and one of the *Schoolmate*, as may be preferred, for one year, and a copy of "The Present Age and Inner Life," by A. J. Davis; or "Tiffany's Lectures," as the subscriber wishes.

For Four Dollars, we will send two copies of both of the papers, or one year, "A Book for Sceptics," and the "Present Age," or "Tiffany's Lectures."

For Five Dollars, we will credit the subscriber with Five Dollars as subscription to either or both of the papers, as he may wish, and send him "A Book for Sceptics," Psychometrical delineation and either the "Present Age," "Tiffany's Lectures," or one volume of the "Great Harmonia," "Night Side of Nature," or "Society and Magic."

As the usual price for a Psychometrical delineation is \$1.00, the reader will see that deducting the premiums, the five papers are sent for half price.—It being stipulated that the subscriber must pay the Postage, except on the Book for Sceptics, and the Psychometrical delineation. The postage on either of the larger books being about 21 cents.

We have received from Mr. Wm. Phillips, of this city, a communication which was forwarded to him from the Spirit Room, at J. Koons' in Dover, in reply to his request for a letter written by Spirits.—It is an interesting article, and we shall insert it next week.

MONEY FINDING.—On Sunday, Oct. 16th, there will be a meeting at Aurora, Portage county, when Mr. HUBBELL will give an account of the manner in which he finds lost money. Mr. HUBBELL has, on several occasions, given out appointments that for a certain day to find lost sums of money in particular localities, and has never yet failed of finding them as predicted. In accordance with previous appointment, Mr. HUBBELL will, on Wednesday, the 19th day of October, proceed to dig for lost money, near Macedonia, in the township of Northfield, Summit county.

Messages from Spirits.

Beauteous spirits descending from harmonious spheres, come to earth and gently knock at the portal of the human soul for admission. Their words of love—their lessons of wisdom—their hallowed influences are free for all; free as the air of heaven; free as the LOVE OF GOD.

For the Spiritual Universe.

MR. EDITOR:

The following short communications were given at a circle in Adrian, Michigan. Though they are not of the loftiest style, there seems to be something good in principle, and far more salutary than what we are in the habit of listening to every Sabbath from the pulpit:—*L. S.*

Brothers and Sisters of Adrian: You little know what awaits you. You are looking for signs and wonders, but sooner than you expect, they will be but common occurrences; for your friends of the spirit world are all laboring in the cause you so much desire to see so fastly advancing. Be true to yourselves, and your guides will help to accomplish the great work now in progress in these last days of the gospel dispensation, which is fastly closing up, while the spiritual dispensation is ushering in. Press on for the bright, beautiful and glorious crown, which is in reserve for the reformer and pioneers in the

spiritual reformation already begun. Enter boldly into the work, and become co-workers with Angels, in reforming and redeeming man from moral, social, political and religious slavery. Strive to purify your affections, and by this practice of virtue, you can instil into the minds of others, the principles of love and good will to all mankind. Be true and faithful to your Cuzaron, and great shall be your reward in Heaven.

The following is from the spirit of one who, while in the form, was a dealer in, and owner of slaves.—His name is familiar to every American, but it is not necessary to give it at this time. *L. S.*

Spirits have heard the cries of the children of earth. Though all of one common paternity, yet has the scorching sun, the dolorous groans, and heart-rending sighs of the oppressed, been heard in high Heaven, and a fearful retribution awaits the oppressor. God is God of ALL; the high, the low, the rich and the poor, the oppressor, and of the oppressed; and his justice will not always slumber.—God is Love, and soon will he loose the hands of wickedness, undo the heavy burdens, break every yoke, and let the oppressed go free. Think brothers, of the oppressed of your own happy land, and seek to relieve all from the chains of error, and darkness of former ages, when man could not behold the glorious truths of the present day. Consider the three millions and over, who are now bound with the iron chains of slavery; all of whom are human beings, and children of the same common Parent you profess to worship and adore.

E. G. KNIGHT & Co. 59 Superior St. keep the *SPIRITUAL UNIVERSE* for sale, and will also receive subscriptions and advertisements for the paper.

Subscriptions will also be received by Dr. M. L. Wright 190 Lake St. and by T. Crosby, Wilson St. corner Clinton Park.

We were obliged to make new terms to clubs. A close calculation has shown us that we cannot afford the paper for less than 75 cts. We give as much reading matter as the "Light from the Spirit World" published for \$2.00 a year. At our former low rates, the profit on a club of 20 was no more than on a club of 5. A few names have been received at club rates, and if any clubs are formed before this notice is received by our friends, we will send the paper to them according to our previous terms.

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For sale by A. V. Valentine, Cleveland Ohio.

The following list embraces some of the principal works on the Harmonical Philosophy, published in the United States. New works will be noticed as published. Orders from a distance, for any books here advertised, will be promptly attended to. The prices are stated, and to accommodate those who live at a distance, and may wish to receive books by mail, the postage for any distance under 500 miles, is also annexed.

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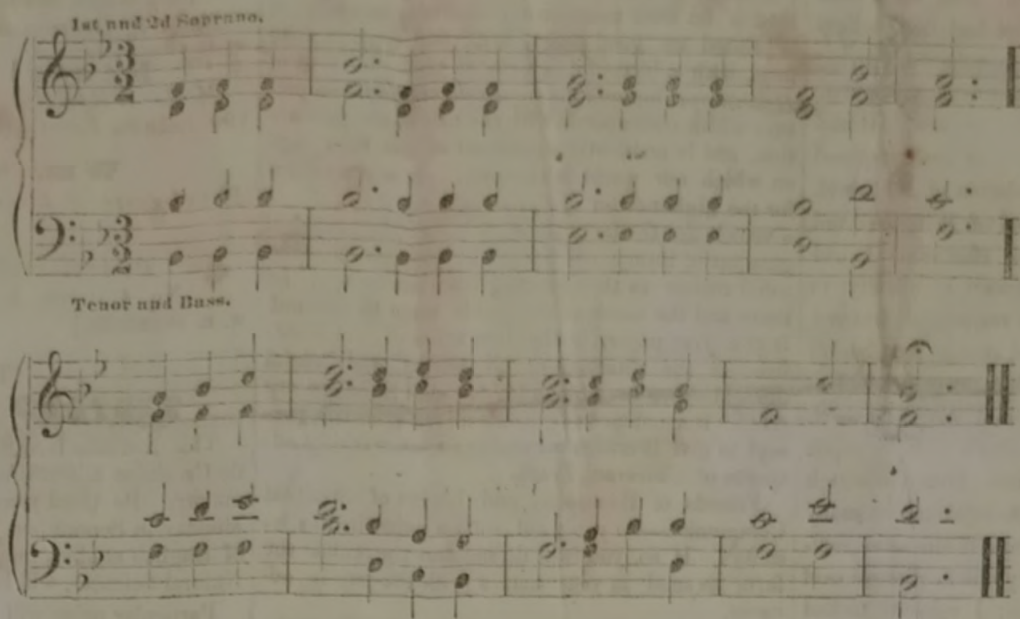
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HEAVENLY MUSIC.

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Strains of Angels.

FROM "SPIRIT VOICES."

How sweet and soothing are the strains,
That fall upon mine ear;
They come not from the distant plains,
Nor yet from mountains near.

They come not from the fickle throng,
That sport their time away,
With trifling fun and careless song,
And merry laugh so gay.

They come not from the learned and wise,
That live upon the earth,
Not e'en in their deep breathing lies
Such pure intrinsic worth.

They come not from the wealthy few,
Nor from the proud and great;
These rarely sing of aught that's true,
But praise the golden weight.

Oh cast not thou on earth thy gaze,
To tell whence comes the sound,
But upward thou thine eyes must raise,
And look abroad, around.

Then shalt thou see a joyous band
Of sweet musicians play,
Above our free and happy land,
To drive all care away.

Oh look thou close, and thou shalt see
Full many a lovely face,
That thou didst think was lost to thee
On earth, thy dwelling place.

And thou shalt hear the cheering voice
Of those, thou thought'st could ne'er
Return to bless thy mortal course,
With aught so pure and fair.

But hark, Oh list! they come to bring
Heaven's glorious truths to thee,
That thou no more shalt fear Death's wing,
When it o'ershadows thee.

They come to tell thee thou no more
Must grieve for loved ones gone,
But upward look to Heaven's bright shore,
And see them there new-born.

They love to sing about their home,
That bright and lovely place,
And bid each weary traveler come,
It is for all the race.

They soon will draw all men to them,
And teach them glorious truth,
And help them to secure a gem
Of priceless, countless worth.

That gem is Love; it should adorn
The entire human race,
Then low contention, pride, and scorn,
Would find no resting place.

Then let the angels' song be heard,
Let all with eager ear,
Catch every sweet enlivening word,
As it is wafted near.

The Schoolmate.

The principal object of this publication is to present to youth of all ages a Monthly Reader, for School and Home Instruction, supplying a want long felt by Teachers, for a Class Reader, which the pupils may subscribe for and which shall come to them every month filled with articles of a novel, interesting and instructive character, and in which everything shall be arranged for reading in schools.

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From sphere to sphere, I oft have sought,
To find a Hell which God hath wrought;
That Pandemonium land of old,
Its place my friends, I never found.
Meeting John Milton on the way,
From bright unto a brighter day:
I wish my friend, you would me tell,
Where I can find a burning hell?
Hush! hush! my friend, 'tis all in vain,
The hell you seek, sprung from my brain;
No other hell but this you'll find,
A phantom from perverted mind.
Jehovah fills immensity,
Then where's the place for hell to be?
His presence is the heaven of love,
All Hail! thou Universal Dove!
Unchanging, everlasting love,
To all below, to all above,
God is, through one eternal day;
So send your fear of hell away.

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Voices from the Spirit-Land.

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I am here to talk of scenes that I have witnessed, of experiences that are mine, and none are so well prepared to narrate facts as him who shares in them. I have been learning all my life, but my facilities have been greatly increased since I have been hid from mortal eyes.

I was released from my mortal body while yet old age had not become my experience; but few had witnessed more of life's changes than I. Prosperity I had known; my cup of worldly gratifications had been filled to overflowing, and I had shared largely in adversity. In the midst of wearisome disappointment, I cried to a power beyond my own, and relief flowed into my soul. In the bitterness of despair, I implored forgiveness, and light shone in my pathway. In the midst of discouragements, I heard a voice saying: There is yet hope. And when there seemed no salvation for me, a Spirit Friend whispered better days are in the future. This intelligence cheered me. I thought it was God who thus ministered to me, and I gave myself to his teachings. I considered myself directed by him. I fearlessly proclaimed to the people what I believed he gave me for them, which had the effect to please some, and displease others; parties in religious society was the consequence. Its natural effect was to divide the brethren: some believing I was controlled by counsels from my Heavenly Father, others, by an opposite influence; none of us realizing that the spirits of those who had left their bodies, had power to manifest themselves in their fullness, and even cause us to believe they were the very God.—Not all of them desire to appear to man any other than themselves; but man having been educated falsely was not prepared to receive even the most pure spirits in any other light than as God. And if they ministered, they had to stand in that position, for they could be received in the mind in no other character. Hence, then, I wonder not I was made an instrument to proclaim inconsistent things as truth. I was impelled by some spirit less pure than I believed controlled me. I was sure some power operated within that was not myself; and as I gave up to it, statements were made that pleased the ear of them that had not the courage to go forth as reformers. He that would act was discouraged; he that felt such extended love, that sect was too small for its exercise, was condemned, and God was appealed to, to sanction the assertion.

My friends, too, encouraged me. Thus sustained by spirit friends, who were more pleased with elo-

quence than truth; and by my bodily ones who loved sect better than virtue, I wonder not at my course. It was the natural result of my position.—Sustained by the affection of my friends, and encouraged by spirits, I kept on my way until I was laid on a sick bed, to arise no more. And while thus situated, the same influences that had impelled me forward, continued with me and sustained me, giving me confidence that God did approve of my course, and that He was ready to receive me as a good and faithful servant into His mansion of rest, prepared for the righteous from the foundation of the world. But soon how changed: instead of being received into the society of those whose characters I had most loved, I found myself drawn by affinity to others, to those I had but little respect for; but my condition was such that I could readily perceive all was right, all according to unchangeable laws. Every spirit must enter the Spirit World for itself, and those of its affinity are drawn to it by a law that acts as certain as gravitation. Hence, although disappointed, I was filled with rejoicing on many accounts. I rejoiced to find myself the same individual; I rejoiced to find every one in possession of all they could fully appreciate; I rejoiced to find that progression was the law of Spirit life, and I was more than all, filled with joy when I found I was in a school with teachers at hand to instruct me, and my advancement depended upon my willingness and faithfulness.

Language fails me to portray the beauties of the Spirit World; it seems not adapted to convey its realities, but it unfolds such knowledge as must gradually upturn the present organizations of earth when it becomes known that the poor man, the unlearned man, those who have been and are afflicted, and those who are filled with the learning of the schools, with the exalted of earth, are equally near some angel spirit, and that the least of these can receive instruction independent of the greater, and that the great have no advantage in the condition that must soon come upon all. I say when these truths become realized, the ills of life will be robbed of a great portion of their pains, and wealth will be spoiled of very many of its allurements, but to promote an other's happiness will afford such gratification that men will devote themselves to rid earth of many temptations to wrong.

In the glad day that is approaching, men will be more anxious to be right and do right themselves, than to bring others to their standard. Man needs to know his value; did he only realize it, his progress would become his happiness realized; his progression commenced, which cannot stop, but increases on leaving the body.

Let me say in conclusion, I am advancing. I am endeavoring to impress goodness and holiness in these most enlarged scenes, on the minds of those who my words while in the body had the effect to restrain. If opportunity offers, I will gladly say more.

G. F. W.

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A THOUGHT OF THE FUTURE.

The cause of reform is progressing rapidly. Men are beginning to think, and soon will they begin to act. This is the first step, and let us all take hold and help to move on the car of human redemption and the rights of man. By this effort, the world may know that it is practical reformers its wants to move the springs which give it life and action. It will show to the mass of mankind who have heretofore looked up to their oracles, that they must do their own work, their own thinking, and make their own efforts to redeem themselves from the bondage of mental and physical dependence. This is the object and plainly do we see the workings of the philosophy now so little understood, in which man can see but the faint light as yet, and which gives the cheering words of hope to the oppressed of earth.

Man will arise and reflect for himself; this is inevitable; it is the tendency of the age. It is not an idle chimera. Man has bowed to opinions so long that he worships them as sacred things.

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