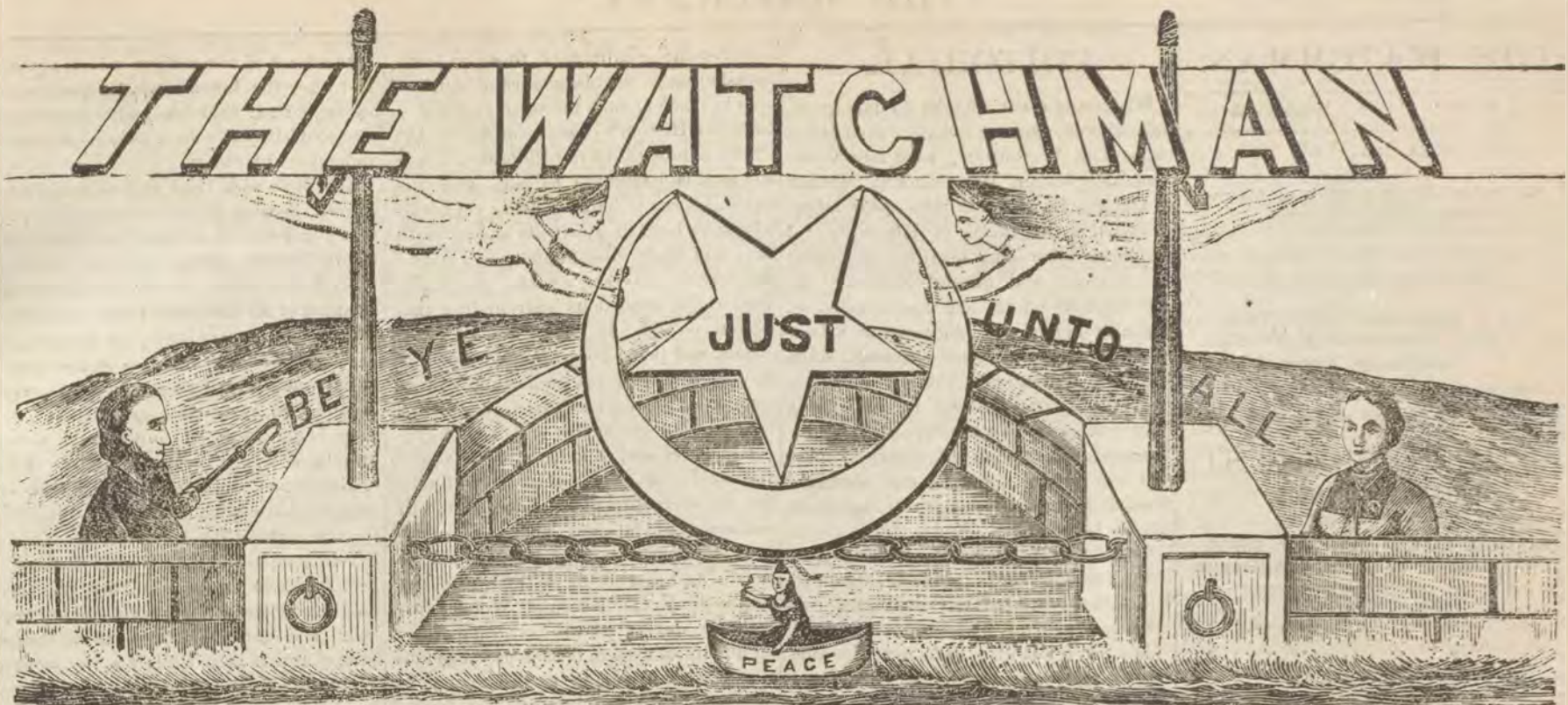


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CONTRASTS OF LIFE.

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Germinal Life.

(Continued from January Number.)

The finite and physical senses of the human being cannot grasp the infinitude of Soul, or of infinite existence.

When the physical propensities are held in subjection by the spiritual sense of right and wrong and time and place, then it is that the Soul force of the being can illumine the spiritual and physical aura around the body, which so acts thro' the vital organs of the body and brain as to produce a change of organic growth. As this growth becomes more and more firmly established thro'out the entire being, there is seen the external proofs of the illuminous force, by the expression of the countenance, and also by that harmonious blending of voice and act, which gives forth a highly charged magnetic influence that envelops the whole being, and is felt by others who come within ratio thereof.

This is the medium of attractive power, by which the individual will attract and influence others with whom he or she may meet; especially so, if the physical and spiritual bodies contain the compensative CHEMICALS which are necessary to establish the requisite affinity of forces in order that thought be conveyed from one to another with the same conception of sense and application.

Thus when the Soul of an individual has gained this full control over its objective surroundings, it will illumine the objective stages of life by bringing forth the subjective things of the Universe: which, in all Ages past, has been looked upon by the average minds as something marvelous, mysterious, and of awe and reverence.

Thus it was that Theology, with its associative misrepresentatives of spiritual things, became, thro' physical admonition, the enthralling, enslaving institutions on earth, of the re-incarnated Souls of a higher degree.

Thus thro' the unqualified growth of the majority to receive and comprehend the demonstrations of the Infinite forces of life, there were established laws of a finite and unspiritual order, such as served to excite in the already physically unbalanced beings, those qualities and tendencies which characterized the lowest forms of Animal life: such as a thirst for revenge, and victory by and thro' physical subjection of their adversaries.

At such periods the impetus force of those who exercised such demonstrations of motor power was not of the *Ultimate* or Soul element, but was approximately of the minor gradation or that degree of vibratory life, termed Animal or brute instinct. This same degree of manifestations, when once having fully possessed the being of the human species, is of more power and effect than in the beast, because, with the latent faculties of the more advanced order of being which characterizes the human species, an advantage of the faculty of desire and design is here had, and in consequence thereof, they resort to a complication of means to gratify their craving for triumph and power.

This is marked all along in Ages past, and in every grade of life, yet, when the spiritual vibratory powers so far gain in the ascendancy, as to give place to the refined or *Ultimate* Soul element, then the mind gives forth its best and highest motor power.

This order of things is the result of such minds as have dawned upon the earth from Age to Age, filling up the breach between the animal and spiritual existence. Such are looked upon as leaders and saviors of mankind, by such as are able and willing to understand the principles they live and teach; while others make them objects of scorn and abuse, because of the opposition to their selfishness and animal natures.

Thus thro' physical life is traced the duality and diversity of being. For within and thro'out all Nature is to be found the *germinal* proto forces of life: in the air, the water, and in all the Universe: yet the physical eye is unable to detect the *germinal* focus of protoplasmic life: neither can the highly sensitive lens of the microscope bring definitely to the sight of the physical eye, the perfect formation of each *germ* of matter, altho' the search may be strictly confined to CHEMICAL analysis.

Science, as known to earth's people of

the present and past Ages, has not, as yet, unlocked the mysteries of the Infinite or Soul forces of life. True, it has proven the fact of an indestructible law running thro'out all Nature. Also that *germinal* life is the result of coagulative CHEMICAL affinities of matter: that within each species, the law of reproduction is fulfilled. That the senses are subject to the objective surroundings of the Universe, as well as of those of the immediate environment, such as the action of mind upon mind and objects of life affecting the mind and senses according to organic susceptibility.

Step by step has the mind of mortal man gained access to the great and powerful labyrinth of Nature and her attending laws, both physical and spiritual. Slowly, yet with power, a demonstrable truth has found place within the human conception: which is that life is eternal; that Nature throws off in one form, but to re-adjust in another; that death is but as the change of Seasons; and altho' old age may creep on as Winter upon the earth, still sure to follow is the resurrection of the old in the new, or that Nature, repeating itself over and over again, opens in the Spring-time of life. Thus it is with the Soul of all things.

The Soul is a potent essence; it is, as we have said before, the *Ultimate* power of all substance: it is found in all life. The proto *germs* of matter must contain this Soul essence in order that each may *germinate* and round out into an animated being or species of organization.

Sufficient quantities of this Soul essence are required to enable each *germinal* seed, egg, or embryo to pass on thro' the action of gestation; which is the bringing together of many *germinal* activities which unite and perfect, as we have before stated, a species of life physically. The more of this Soul essence there may be infused within the make up of the being, the more perfective will be the species both physically and mentally. Therefore there is determined for the human species, a Soul identity, a spirit identity, and a physical identity which are indestructible as constituents of eternity.

All lower species of life other than the human are not to be estimated as Soul identities, but as compensative elements to the *Ultimate* element, which gives to the human the power, the organization, and the *germinal* faculties to attain far beyond the limit of all other species.

To say that there is a spirit side of all

life is perfectly true, but to say that there is a Soul life to each animal, bird, or any of those species of Organic life which have not an individual conception of right and wrong, of cause and effect, or of intellectual pursuits would be saying that which is incorrect: from the fact that their species, as a species, alone determines for them the deficiency of *Ultimate* power: as we repeat, Each seed, egg, and embryo contains sufficient Soul essence to *germinate*; yet, that quantity of Soul essence when found within species other than the human is insufficient to determine for that species, an eternal existence in its especial representation as a species of Soul life.

Right here, let it be distinctly understood, that the Soul life and spirit life are *two distinct degrees of existence*. Therefore, when we say that the minor species of life do not hold distinction in Soul life, we do not say that they do not retain their speciality in spirit life: for that which is termed "spirit life", is but the reflection of physical life. Therefore, what is represented in the physical, is likewise seen and represented in the spiritual, up to certain grades, or more familiarly termed Spheres.

Therefore, within the first Spheres of spirit life, the species repeat themselves the same as in the physical: but as the different species progress and immerse into the next higher, and so on to the next higher, there is lost that species of primitive life, which is the Animal life. Yet, the Human being, as a species of beings, holds, by virtue of its species, a higher grade, therefore containing more of the *Ultimate* or Soul essence within the protoplasmic formations of its being, and, as such, is destined to ever retain its identity as a species. Not that the mind of a mortal will forever confine itself to the acts and deeds of earth life after it has passed from one stage of experience to another and taken upon itself the next degree, either thro' spirit amalgamation or direct re-incarnation, but that it will ever possess the sufficient amount of Soul power to enable it to still go on to that stage of perfect unfoldment which characterizes the perfective spiritual being. Wherein race and color are not repeated, but the perfected being is co-existent with its kindred Soul being.

We will continue with the perfective growth of mind and Soul.

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EDITORIAL.

We extend many thanks to our spiritualistic co-workers in behalf of their interest in THE WATCHMAN; especially to our venerable worker, Mrs. Minerva Merrick of Quincy, Ill., for her successful labors in behalf of the Cause of Humanity, for which we labor—the abolition of Capital Punishment, and general Reform. By her generous efforts she has assisted us, and also helped to enlighten the masses by her contributions, and successful solicitation of subscribers, thereby spreading the light of true spiritual reform. Long may our sister worker live to continue the good she has so effectually begun; and may years of promise and abundant reward, for good seed sown in desert places, be hers.

To all our patrons and co-workers, we extend many thanks for their kindness; and earnestly desire their continued contributions to THE WATCHMAN.

We will try to give hearing to the various views as expressed by our correspondents, on all subjects pertaining to the human welfare; for we believe that Spiritualism will match and offset all other "isms" that preceded it; that its advent and growth is to open the way for mankind to speak, act, and live free from the trammels of Sect, Church, and Papal rule. It is as an angel of truth permeating every Soul with light and wisdom, which, in turn, generates a knowledge of individual right and wrong that shall supersede all dogmas and erroneous teachings of a literal heaven and hell; of a personal God and devil who deals out vengeance and punishment for acts done under conditions which they, as mortals, had no power to control and prevent the results thereof.

It is Spiritualism that must bring forward all that is true and beneficial to mankind, be it found in the Bible; in Shakespeare; or in the sayings of ancient and modern Seers: proving also that spirit power is ever present and active among us mortals, and will illumine every mind that will earnestly seek for it—observing such laws as are requisite to its unfoldment, in so far as one may be enabled to from that which surrounds them.

Truly does the spirit-world recognize that mortals are living in a time when all that is needed to give greater spirit unfoldment to the world, is more freedom of thought and speech; more equality of the sexes, where woman will be her own keeper, and will thus be allowed to born children of love and honor, who would scorn to deceive, or live lives of sin and prostitution; consequently there would be less of crime and evil deeds, because each generation would be begotten physically in love and inherent honor.

These things are the teachings of advanced spirit minds: and when this order of living be established on earth, then the Golden Rule, "Do unto others, as ye would that they should do unto you" will be followed practically. Then the gallows and other forms of execution of human life will be done away with. And as human beings advance in spiritual knowledge: so, in proportion, will these things take place.

Unto all true reformers we extend our editorial sympathy and encouragement; for the reformer has need of that assurance of brotherly and sisterly sympathy which strengthens the spirit while the arm and brain are toiling for the redemption of mankind from the customs of ignorance and superstition's reign.

As Spiritualists or those possessing the knowledge of a future existence and spirit return, we should not be content with that knowledge alone, but should strive

to better the condition of those on earth, by ushering in the observance of spiritual laws in place of such inhuman customs as mark our History's pages from Age to Age.

This is now called the Enlightened Age, and so it is beginning to earn that title, but still there is hard plowing yet for the reformers both in spirit-life and of earth-life; and while Spiritualists, as a body of progressive believers, remain, practically, dead to the conditions surrounding their mediums—and, in fact, the National events, and penal laws imposed upon human rights: just in proportion will reform of all grades be choked, and held at the mercy of Priestcraft and Monarchy.

Hundreds and hundreds of brave men and women are giving their all to further the Emancipation of Woman; as did the soldiers of the late war, to free a Country from the shackles of Constitutional slavery. And this being settled, the next step is the Emancipation of Woman from domestic slavery, and the consequences of an unnatural system of marriage customs, that gives the woman to the man as his property—which is but another form of Constitutional slavery. And this Emancipation will be accomplished by the education of the relation of the sexes to each other. It requires no blood-shedding; no insurrection of the people, it but requires that the people be brought to think in the right direction; that woman be encouraged to use her talents for other purposes than for the domestic alone; and this is being accomplished. Also does it require that the male portion of humanity be brought to recognize in woman, the equal in intellect, and in personal right of herself; also to remember that marriage, true and holy, is violated when man forces woman to his personal desires, irregardless of her moral and physical rights.

Man is not naturally disposed to insult and abuse woman, but, to the contrary, to feel acquiescent, and has the desire to please rather than to displease, but it is the result of false customs which have thrown upon man the legal lordship of domestic life, and thus the predominance of selfish reign has blinded his purer and more spiritual qualities, and consequently, in the majority of cases, he looks upon his wife as his property to drive and use as he pleases, forgetting that she is to be his helpmate and not his slave.

Next, this spirit is carried into Political and financial life, until all motive appears to be that of gaining power over some thing or some body. And why is this? Because the higher, spiritual nature of man has been swallowed up in the teachings of "Blood for blood"; physical power against right of conscience.

Many feel to destroy the Bible, claiming that therein is the basis of all these false teachings—consequently so much misery and error.

To such we wish to show that if every Bible in the world was destroyed, the effects of its teachings would be left, and not until the minds of the people are moulded and brought up to that higher, spiritual standard of life, which is also to be found in the Bible, not till then will humanity be brought from the dregs of misunderstanding and wrong teaching.

We see no need of destroying the Bible, rather be it the work of the reformer to try and rightly interpret the Book, for, by so doing, they have a greater hold upon the minds of the masses.

What is wanted, is to teach the mind to regard the Bible as a book, not of infallible truth, but of Historical accounts; of customs; and of man's dual life.

The Bible is a book which represents every grade of human character and their acts to correspond.

As a book of comparison it is complete. And when the human mind grows to understand this, they (the radicals) will not care to destroy the book because it is misunderstood by others.

The Bible as a Book of Books has held its own, because it has not served its purpose: and we, as mortals, in the Nineteenth Century, are opening the last book, "Revelation", and, thereby, revealing the meaning of all the other books contained within the BABEL (Bible) of BOOKS.

The book of Revelation is as the advent of Spiritualism, wherein spirits materialize and give instruction to mortals; but there being those of unwise and selfish principles, who, like the figurative John in Revelation, by the promptings of selfishness, have eaten or kept to themselves the teachings of the spirit-world. This is in reference to the Priests and Bishops of past Religious times, who have, thereby, held the masses under psychological control; and enforcing upon them the assumption that their Bible was the revered Word of God, and they the chosen ministers to do as they saw fit.

Each Epoch of time has given stronger proofs of the fallacy of this doctrine, until now Modern Spiritualism has broken the fetters thus far, that mortals can think and act independent of the selfish tyranny of the Religious users.

It is, therefore, not strange that some natures should desire to destroy what they feel to be instruments of Religious ignorance and tyranny; but, as we have said, we believe that greater and more effectual good can be done by meeting the Biblical expounder, with natural common sense arguments, thereby enabling the masses to grow out from the old unto the right course of life, which is progressive culture, and understanding of Nature's laws.

The attack against Mrs. CORA L. V. RICHMOND, in the *Religio-Philosophical Journal* of February 17th, is a sample of the most unjust, unmanly, and inhuman character that a man can assert against a woman, and that, too, of one who ranks high as an expounder of Progressive and Spiritual Philosophy; one who is proving herself to be a true woman and human benefactress.

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VOYAGE OF LIFE.

By Leona.

Anxiously our loved are watching!
Watching! for the welcome breeze;
That shall bear us into port,
Over rough and stormy seas.
Thro' the voyage our guardian angels
Keep a silent watch on deck;
All unseen yet faithful ever,
Lest our feeble bark be wrecked.
Adverse winds but drive us onward,
Toward the immortal shore;
Soon the "Bow of Promise" speaketh,
"Unfurl the sail, the storm is o'er."
Then our real life commences—
All we have is what we've earned;
All we've given to our brother,
In measured fullness is returned.
Gifts we've held with selfish grasping,
Mock us—for they're blessings lost;
Starved and lean, the barren miser
Finds his sifted gold but dross
Hasten then, for time is precious!
Restoration must be made;
Ere our feet can climb the ladder,
Every farthing must be paid.
If we cleanse the Soul and body,
"Live the truth" whate'er betide;
Fewer mountains must we climb,
When we reach the other side.
Guardian angels, faithful Pilots!
Watch for us the turning tide;
Drifting off to dangerous shoals,
How we need these loving guides.
Soon we'll reach the blessed haven,
Not one moment must be lost;
Life within the body's precious,
Waste it not, at any cost.
"Life is real; life is earnest,"
'Tis no myth or fabled lore;
Each must live their own—no other—
An individual, evermore.

QUESTIONS.

All Questions of a general character, forwarded to this Office, whether of a Social, Political, or Religious nature, will be submitted to the Band of Spirit guides; and the interpretation thereof will be published in THE WATCHMAN.

ANSWERS BY WATCHMAN, SPIRIT EDITOR,
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AMERICAN AND EASTERN CONGRESS
IN SPIRIT LIFE.
H. A. CATE, Amanuensis.

QUES. What is the power that the Snake exercises to charm a person, animal, or bird; and the power that the Cat uses to charm a mouse, squirrel, or bird?

ANS. The venomous influence that flows from the Snake at such times as it seeks its prey, is like unto an invisible, yet potent poison, thrown off from the Snake, by the action of its instinctive and organic nature, which, when directed toward a certain object, will environ and imbue that object to such an extent that the object will become charged with this venom, or, properly termed, Sulphate of mixed Chemicals, which forms an imperceptible gas, which is so potent and effective as to subdue the activity of the motor force in the object upon which these gases have been centered, whether it be a bird, animal, or human being. In effect, this gas is very similar to the Carbonic element, and is taken into the system by the object receiving it, thus, by the subtle action of its force, holding it (the object) susceptible to the object containing the

greater supply, which, in this case, is the Snake; whereas, if the object receiving the charge, was supplied, organically, with the neutralizing properties, or even had within its system, the predominance of the same element as found in the Snake, then the effect from the Snake would be very slight, if at all; because that thrown from the Snake would be counteracted by the Chemicals in the other.

It has long been thought that the Snake had a special charm power, but this erroneous thought will be corrected as soon as the law of its nature is well understood.

The Snake is of such a nature and species of Organic Life, that it secretes from the earth and nearly every thing it consumes, a superabundance of this poison which is used by the Snake to catch other forms of life upon which it will subsist.

It is truly a dangerous ally; and, to most persons, a repulsive object.

Superstition and fear of its power has formed a belief that it is the representative and instrument of evil. Therefore, for a long time, it has been used as a symbol of fear, by the evilly disposed, towards those they wish to injure.

While in far remote time, it was represented as a symbol of wisdom and power. Magicians used the symbol, believing it gave them power to deceive the people; and so, gradually, the belief has become a fixed form of belief to many; and has been handed down from generation to generation.

All this is in the action of one's mind. And when the mind becomes convinced of the nature of the Snake, it will then have no more effect upon them than a pebble, or a blade of grass, because the elements found within the Snake, are to be found in other forms of life.

Yes, it is the same force of life as is made manifest thro' the Cat in catching its prey; and also in other animals.

The Snake, as a species of life, is among the primary species of Organic Life; therefore is so composed that it does not neutralize its food and change it into the various elements of Chemical power, but, by its nature, causes all other elements that it may absorb, to return back, or be amalgamated with the primal and unbalanced forces of life.

Why is it that a child, who has been charmed by a Snake, will die, if the Snake is killed?

In such cases, as children, who are negative and unable to resist the influence of the charge thrown upon them by the Snake; they will become attached to the Snake by a subtle force which is the effect of this Chemical force before referred to. It might be thought to be the power of WILL from the Snake, but it is not; it is Chemical inoculation—and yet the same inoculation can be counteracted by its antidote. Therefore when any one is under a Chemical charge from a Snake or Snake-charm, as it is termed:—

RECIPE.—If that person be placed in a room and thro'ly bathed with a weak solution of ALCOHOL and common SALT, and small doses, in water, of the same be administered as a drink every hour or two, according to the severity of the case; the head kept cool, with the solution diluted in water, also, there will be no danger of the person dying from the effects of killing the Snake. In any case, the person will not die, unless the system has become thro'ly charged or inoculated with the venom of the Snake, in which case, the mortal is subject to that which befalls the Snake; the same as when the Snake is killed, the person will pine away as if some vital injury had befallen him or her,

which is really the case, for the Snake, after inoculating the person, becomes the vital centre from which that person will afterwards draw his or her vitality, until that subtle force has been counteracted.

Is it WILL Power?

It cannot be termed WILL Power, yet it answers every purpose to the Snake that WILL Power does to the higher order of species.

How does it differ from the WILL Power exercised by the Psychologist?

The WILL of the Psychologist must be sustained by the affinitive Chemical elements both of his own and that of his subject's organism before he can operate successfully upon the senses of that subject.

By the use and application of certain Chemicals, the vibratory action of the nerve fluids may be either heightened or lessened according to their affinities; and according to the vibratory nerve force: so will be the demonstrations of the WILL.

How does this differ from Spirit control?

These same laws are made use of by the spirits in controlling media.

MESSAGES.

We invite all who receive spirit messages, and are desirous of publishing the same, to forward them to this Office, and they will receive due attention. We require that the name of the medium, thro' whom the communication is given, be published therewith.

We also invite all who recognize any of the messages published herein, to forward statements of verification also to be published, to establish the truth of the messages and vindicate Spiritualism.

H. A. CATE, Medium.

Aggie Hall.

Oh! the misunderstandings of life; the errors of which one must bear the weight and added weight. The magnets attract, and in reciprocal relation exist, but when those magnets act thro' human beings, condemnation is meted out to them: and altho' the mind may be in purity's own channel, still the victim is looked upon as the vilest of things, because one dares to step aside from the beaten track of mythical ordinance, and the contracted views resulting, in the Nineteenth Century, from the same.

I have felt, in part, the effect of earth's misunderstandings, and have so spoken, but I am glad that I lived true, as near as I could, to the promptings of my nature; because, while I felt a temporary shadow in spirit, still I have risen above the "say so's" of society.

I loved all things, and for that reason, I felt free to express my own love—condemn me if they must.

I thank God, for the help that my brother and sister mediums have given me. I was always willing to help when I could, and it returned to me.

I sank to the utter depths of despair at the last, because of the misunderstandings of life by others towards my family. Dear Jack felt it keenly, but I've often been to him, and he knows me.

I have been enabled to inspire utterances of good to humanity, thank God.

Nearly two years ago I came to this organism and the guides gave me help.

I've been talking ever since every chance I could get, but this is the first time I've spoken thro' this medium, and I'm grateful for the privilege.

I want it distinctly understood, that I forgive all the hard sayings and misunderstandings of me and mine.

Henceforth I shall endeavor to inspire and lead mortals out of darkness into light.

Many have listened to my remarks while in the body, when I was inspired to speak and give the crumbs of comfort to the weary. In the good old Halls in Boston, (Mass.), I, AGGIE HALL, was at home there.

Memory is painful,

Yet memory is sweet;

When around earth's loved ones,
Again we meet.

Years seem to vanish

As but a day;

For love's bright hopes,
Sever not, nor decay.

William J. Mc Kenzie.

Good Evening. I was told to come to the Telegraph Office and report myself.

First of all I want to say who I be:—William J. Mc Kenzie. I once lived in Frankfort, Maine. I was 68 years old at the time I had my last sickness. I knew from the time I first took my bed, that I should not get off. My good wife, Elizabeth, did all she could to help me thro', but it was no go. I went where I have been ever since. I have not stood still, nor been singing psalms—I've been looking around. I had the Rheumatism, besides, a new name the Doctors gave the disease resulting from scrofula in the system. I went out in the month of April about seven years ago. I am just as much Will Mc Kenzie now as I ever was. I feel as tho' I was unable to make myself known, I have tried it several times. My folks are doing very well. What troubles me most is, my folks don't know but what I am where they put my body—that is the hardest part of it. I lived in the centre of the town, on High st., my folks live on High st. now. If they read my letter, I want them to make known that they have heard from me. Good day.

Jane Dupee.

I am Jane Dupee of Fort Wayne, Mich. I was sixty odd years old, and left a family—a husband and five children. My husband's name is Charles F. Dupee. I have been with my family much of late; and wish to say to my son, Charles Francis, that the strange feelings and sensations that he has had of late, some time passed, were occasioned by spirit influence. I, myself, have sought to influence his brain and hand. Tell him to exercise patience, and if he does I shall feel encouraged in my endeavors with him. I am aware that he contemplates moving and making a change; but for more than one reason, I don't think that it will be good for him, not this present year. Tell him I brought little Dot with me, and she is just as sweet and cunning as when she lived on the earth.

Death is strange, and life is more strange.

I used to think that Orthodoxy was the true Religion; and after long study I learned my mistake. I didn't know any thing about Spiritualism, but I felt that Nature was contracted by Orthodoxy; and so I grew to thinking. I am told that by thinking for myself, I can now act for myself and my children.

Margaret Doyle.

My name is Margaret Doyle. I want to reach my old home in Franklin st., Chicago. I passed away from the body between four and five years ago. I was troubled with congestion of the lungs and a very heavy cough. I wish to send word to Emily Doyle that I have returned. Praise God that I have been enabled to say this much.

Margaret Deland.

My name is Margaret Deland. I lived in Sonoma County, California; and was born and brought up in Hillsdale. I desire to communicate with my friends.

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**ORIGIN AND
MULTIPLICITY OF
LIFE.**

ITS MYSTERIES.
PROPAGATING THE SPECIES.
IN-AND-IN BREEDING
DISCUSSED.

By SOLOMON W. JEWETT.

It is a self-evident fact that every thing visible to the human eye must begin and end in God—the Fountain of all Life. "In God", means the First and the Last; the Alpha and the Omega; the Beginning and Ending of all *finite* things. In Him is Life—all else lives from Him and in Him: Yes, every thing, from the mote and the insect to the angel, exists by virtue of life proceeding from its Master—the Fountain: in other words, a Ray from the Central Sun or Power.

This Central Life exists every-where, in all animate and inanimate things; the inmost essence of all created things.

Another self-evident truth is, that nothing *finite* can exist from itself; but something prior to itself. This takes us back to the Great First Cause or God. That which existed or will exist after God, is *finite* and cannot be *Infinite*.

Those who seek God in their hearts, can find Him. A formless personality is impossible to thought. Agreeing with St. Paul: "Ye are the Temple of the Living God." "Tho' our outward man perishes, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."

Subtract from our conception of form, and it is equivalent to annihilation. Of that which has no form it is impossible for the mind to gain an idea.

Paul demonstrates the spirit as the "inward man"; the body as the "outward man". Now, if we accept not this, our Faith, in a personal, spiritual existence, falls to the ground. The first is co-extensive with the physical organism of man and beast, and withdrawn, the physical goes to earth.

It is the spirit of the animal-man that is transmitted, at conception, and not the blood, from the male to the female—the positive and negative elements of the sexes—just as much so as the one male or positive flower transmits its kind to another flower while in a negative or receptive state. Millions of incidents occurring daily, right before our eyes, might be mentioned.

We, as mortals or *finite* beings, cannot comprehend fully the workings of the *Infinite*. But many secret life-springs have been revealed to mortals, which they could or did not understand nor comprehend even fifty or one hundred years ago. Where does the Lemon hail from, or the Strawberry? Chemical analysis does not prove that Pitch or Rosin exists in the earth or air. But a child may plant a Pine bush and live to see one barrel of Tar extracted from that tree which was once the seed or nut which contained no Turpentine or Tar. No doubt a spirit entity exists in the plant, and all living things below man or animals, and those included: which life entity passes out from the positive and is taken up in the receptive or negative, being transmitted thro' the male to the female organs—the source and fountain of individual creation—the embryo.

The female or negative bird receives spiritual influx from the positive or male bird, thro' the powers of the will, thus transmitting life-principles to the egg. When submitted to warm pulsations and incubation of the mother, this appliance of Nature's battery soon turns out a winged bird. Its physical we can see and realize its presence; but the essence of the bird we see not; neither can we fully understand how a dormant egg is brought to life.

This life element may be found wanting in another and apparently as perfect an egg, which by no process can turn out a living Soul. Material and spiritual elements contained within the halo of its circle radiate, thro' incubation, the sensitive particles into a new being, which no other power can effect. Microscopic and Chemical analysis reveal not the secret and hidden springs of life.

The functions of the female Turkey, for instance, are so very delicately organized, that one copulation with the male transmits life essence extending into the second brood; that is, the second as well as the first litter of eggs, under incubation, will hatch a brood of chicks, altho' the male turkey had died or been removed as soon as the first incubation had commenced. Thus proving by ocular demonstration that life-principles were transmitted prior to the hatching of the first brood of turkeys.

There is a spiritual body and there is a material body; a spiritual eye and a material eye. If man uses powerful optical lenses, he can only penetrate a limited distance into the infinitesimal world.

The tassel and silk of Indian Corn are not only possessed of physical organisms, but they carry on the spiritual functions after the physical has performed its work and returned to earth. The spiritual essence, when cast into good ground, brings forth the blade and the ear to multiply its kind indefinitely.

No Corn or seed is ever formed upon the cob unless the male functions thro' the pollen unite with the female germs existing in the silk, which radiates over it, thus manipulating and transmitting life principles to every kernel forming on the ear.

The kernel is, of itself, an individuality, carrying within itself the spirit of life. Like other conceptions, where the seed enters darkened, closeted houses, each germ embryo expands or evolves into new forms of life in its annual round, repeating the story of its birth. Hence, from this union of the male and female elements, one new whole is the product. In either Vegetable or Animal Kingdoms we find the same identity in results.

Many organisms contain both male and female functions, while some are barren of either, like unto the working honey-bee; experienced Apianians tell us that Drones or the male, and Queens or female honey-bees, are deposited in extra artificial cells, and the insect hatched is fed on different food, and grows up to maturity in cells set aside from those that produce the working bees, barely resembling them in formation, evincing consummate wisdom, beyond the comprehension of man, who assumes to be and is, in one sense, "The Lord of this earth." Wherever his WILL is directed, there its products are manifested. With him, as with the lower Animal and Vegetable Creation, the food taken up has another evident salutary influence predominating over all growth. But man, the male, is not the *perfected man*; the pair must come in to make a *perfect whole*, as much so as the two blades make the shears, that we use, complete.

IN-AND-IN ALLIANCE,
or
BREEDING BLOOD TO BLOOD.

There has been and is a human law against marrying cousins. For certain valid reasons, we here wish to demonstrate this "in-and-in alliance". Suppose children, born to the same parents, one of each sex, but reared under different climates, and different regime as to food, and at maturity united in bonds of wedlock. They are not, neither can their children assume to be of the very same flesh and blood. Each body is the outgrowth of different constituent properties concentrated in making up their growth from birth during a period of over fourteen years. As once in every seven years our bodies are renewed and new ones take their place.

Hence, we recognize the union of Soul to Soul, but not the family alliance of blood to blood or heart to heart.

Neighboring families may be more closely allied in body and blood, if not in pedigree or kinship; having grown up in the same elements of air and food, each have risen out of similar constituent parts from year to year. The neighboring families are more like brothers and sisters than the first pair, reared in distant or separate countries, from the outgrowth of different elementary principles.

The Soul element is subject to purification; it being the invisible body or spirit of man—the same principle pertaining to the Animal and Vegetable Kingdoms. All of which emerge from the earth-form to exist on and on without decay or death thro'out an eternity of years, leaving the more material form to mingle with its native elements, the earth.

The material organism of the Flea, tho' intricate to our vision and conception, may, in brain and in all its parts, be as perfect as that of the Elephant or the Mastodon. While the bodies of all flesh, in earth-life may carry an inward brain, an inward Soul endowed with reason, to a limited extent, quite sufficient to sustain and protect itself from harm.

This Science of the Soul; and that of the In-and-in system of propagating its species, has, as yet, never been fairly or fully presented and discussed; while the theme really extends far beyond the comprehension of ordinary *finite* minds.

Therefore to search down deep into the Soul of things, and enter the realms of the *Infinite*, one must be endowed with higher gifts to present or embrace merely an outline. But there is no limit to knowledge gained and in reserve for the human family, now or hereafter.

Progression, during all time, without number, is one of the great and wise prerogatives given to man by our Creator. We have just taken one step higher and entered that "New Dispensation" which the old Prophets longed to see. Old and new lights ever continue to enlighten every regenerate mind which neareth its baptismal spray.

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A type, a symbol of passion wild,
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If once the breaks of Reason fail,
It makes the strong and mighty quail.

A type, a symbol it would be,
If unrestrained—the breaks let free:
E'en as the fire in the human brain,
Without the gentle spirit's reign.

The fiery horse was fashioned thus,
To symbol much the human flesh:
When void of Reason and calculation,
One man might ruin a whole Nation.

But with balance power it is not thus,
For guidance gives the even puffs;
And keeps it steadily on the rail,
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You think it is a mighty thing,
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If men and women would investigate the true principles of life; and the law of love, mercy, justice, and equality; and apply the knowledge thus gained, in fulfilling that law, it would remove the burden from suffering humanity; and the mediums of insanity or of insane spirits would then be restored to family and friends and become useful members of society.

How can the chosen people—those who claim to be Christian—show such indifference to the wonderful phenomena that is demonstrated in this Country—this gem of all Countries, that all the world is waiting to see its glorification, and they will not be disappointed.

Our insane will be restored or the insane spirits cast out by the law of God inherent in mankind; an inborn power that the "Son of man" lived and died to prove. Who believes in him; in what he did or what he said? In him we have a precedent, and the time has arrived when this law must be executed.

Don't you hear the trumpet sounding its cheerful notes of harmonious peace, and good will to mankind:—"The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand"? Rouse yourselves from the stupor of indifference. The Sun of Intelligence is beaming down from the supernal heavens; and this is the Day of Opportunity. The ladder is let down from the Celestial Spheres; and the white-robed angels are descending, bringing tidings of great joy to you and all mankind.

Look into the mirror of your deeds; the mirror of your beliefs and you will perceive what manner of persons you are, ye people, for there the spirit first sees its natural tenement, and you may see a deformity instead of a likeness of the true model; possibly you have made an artificial one with your own hands, as the Bible teaches, and have called it God; and the sacrifices and obligations offered may not be as important as anticipated, and the acceptance and reward a myth.

The harvest-field is white, ready for the reapers, but the laborers are few; whoever is willing to labor in the new fields of progression, come forward and join the front ranks; help spread intelligence by circulating progressive reading, that truth and the light of love to one's neighbor may penetrate the Souls of humanity.

Mr. Chas. R. Miller, Editor of *Miller's Psychometric Circular*, seems to be in harmony with us. I have not seen another paper that treats on the same subjects that we advocate. I have no sympathy with those who deny that Jesus ever existed as a human being, and say that he was a myth. I say he was a perfect man, and taught the science and moral philosophy of life.

Let us, then, form a circle of harmony, not one jar of discord; and with our spirit friends, shall produce a power that cannot be resisted, for the advancement of humanity. If we should not remain to see the result of our labors, it will be the same: it cannot be obliterated.

THE WATCHMAN and *Miller's Psychometric Circular*, in my opinion, are in advance, in truth, love, mercy, justice, and equality, of all the papers I have read, and are bound to circulate and spread the light of love all over the land.

I presume that you and Mr. Miller will join with me on the Insane Question. I consider it a most important one; and I affirm that, by diligence and perseverance, the Lunatic Asylums, in time, will be dispensed with. What a blessing to mankind.

The suffering ones from the Lunatic Asylums come to show me how they are treated.

I read in a paper of a woman who was laced in a tight jacket, and delivered of a child: it shocked me to the utmost.

Deranged friends come to me to be healed, by me laying my hands on the medium.

The number of insane in this State is alarming. And we should have Asylums or Schools, where healing mediums could be developed to their highest capacity, supported by the State, instead of the mean, scurrilous treatment that they (the mediums) are receiving from the Churches, the Evangelical and Orthodox ministers, and the Medical Fraternity; and there would be no power in this rudimentary Sphere that could prevent the truth and light of love toward the diseased, insane, and criminal, from relieving them of their sufferings.

Quincy is dark, and I am determined that progressive papers shall be read, but when I offer persons a paper, they generally refuse to take it, and look as if they thought that the old serpent that deceived Eve was lurking in its folds. But we shall win the race and cannot be distanced.

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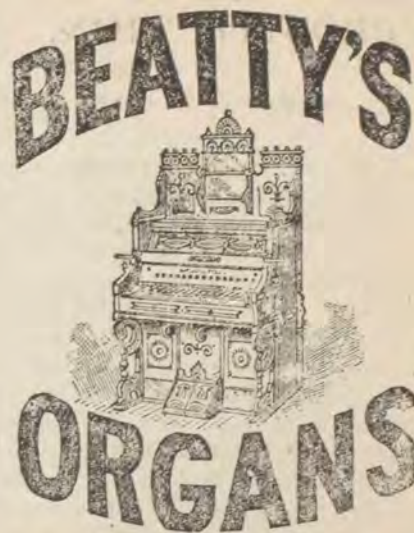
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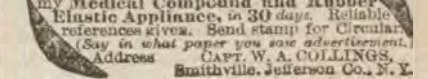
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PROSTITUTION.

By MARY B. F. HUNT.

DEAR WATCHMAN.—Reading of the number of prostitutes in the different cities, reminds me of certain passages in Revelation; and I ask, How are we to be redeemed from this great blot—this mark of the Beast—*Lust*, which is fathered by the devil? Surely, by the signs of the times, the day has dawned when they should be cast into that spiritual furnace of moral reform, wherein, all that causeth an abomination or maketh a lie, shall be cast, that the chaff may be destroyed, but the good shall remain, like gold tried in the crucible, more refined and pure.

I am more and more persuaded that the true worship of God, is not in trying to get out of these bodies to live in a remote heaven and sing psalms; but that it is to so live that God shall take up His constant abode with us, and our bodies become Temples, while here, of the living, spiritual God, for God is a Spirit, and has so promised.

God is Love. Who cannot see that by and thro' the power of true love, lust must in time die out. And not until mortal man understands his work in the blazing light of truth, (and all that deceives or maketh a lie be cast out) to so live that he may be pure in body, then shall the Kingdom of Heaven be established, and we shall become like unto the angels, pure and blessed.

How many years more shall man stumble along in the dark, with light all about him? How long shall we have teachers crying, Lo! here is Christ, and lo! there? Believe them not, for the Christ cometh when ye know not; and the Kingdom of Heaven cometh not by observation, but is Love, Joy, and Peace in the Holy Spirit.

And surely man cannot see and understand unless he first so purifies his life in the body, that the spirit shall have birth, develop, and finally predominate. Now the devil is served by many—that horned monster, selfishness and lust—but when these are subjected and kept in chains, then can the Spirit of God be and abide with us always; and we shall be His people, and He shall be our God—because of Love, Purity, and Truth. Then no one need say, "Know ye the Lord?" for all shall know Him, from the least unto the greatest.

Then pray and work; for prayer, like faith, without works is dead. Purify your hearts as well as your garments.

Man must become *morally pure* before he can become spiritually wise. "Man, know thyself," so thou may'st know thy God, Who is Just and Merciful; yet never lets willful sin go unpunished—it is against all law and order—so remember thy sufferings, Oh man! are of the ignorance of the past. But behold a marvelous light given thro' thy Elder Brother, Jesus, chosen to impart this light of purity and truth. Keep thy body in subjection, and so fulfill the law of God.

Among the most criminal of all criminals are our prostitutes—I do not mean those who are *legally* so, for, in a measure, they are to be pitied more than blamed—but the bold, public, unlawful creature who dares to set up a house of that character, to draw in all the poor, lustful element that comes along; and often youthful innocence is, by means of evil companionship, snared in her net. Even Solomon warned all to beware of such wanton creatures. And altho' the crime has reached vast proportions, still, I believe, by wisdom, it can be overtaken and subdued.

I have said that if man was holy there would be no prostitutes; but as it is, there should be some measure taken to have him (man) obey law and order. And as prostitution is not only a sin against the Nation, and the generations yet in infancy, but against the Creator, God, there should be a law to suppress such unholy acts.

We are told that the Law was given by Moses; but that Grace and Truth came thro' Jesus Christ.

Now we can see that all who live under the old Judaism—the almost heathen Age—need to be restricted; they cannot call themselves Christian, much less spiritual. They know nothing of Grace and Truth, nor of Law and Order.

There should be Law and Order everywhere, but more especially so in our enlightened and free land, America.

If a free country has crime of such an heinous, and unholy character, surely it should be put down, for it is a child of the devil.

Surely there can be found, truth-loving, good, noble men, in every state in the Union, to take up the Cause and make such laws as shall keep their sons from the paths of hell—for, truly, there is no other name—and their pure daughters—God help them if they have not such a father to bless them.

The being who calls herself by the holy name, woman, when there is no womanly virtue; no inherent shame; no true affection: is nothing but a vile creature—yes, I say vile, for she has lost all purity, who would drag Souls down to hell, for what? For to reap the wages of sin.

A terrible darkness and spiritual gloom that even the angels weep over: the little spark of God's love in her bosom that once sparkled in purity has been overclouded by some great, black cloud from the brimstone pit, that is spiritual wickedness in high places, or from the low cesspools of iniquity—she being drawn in, and seeing her hopeless condition, in turn, draws in all who come that way.

Is it possible that there is no remedy, no way out of it?

If MAN set about it to quench this fire of brimstone, or cleanse these cesspools of iniquity—yes, let in the sunlight of truth, and pour on the waters from the fountain of purity, and keep at it, men and women, until the fires are extinguished little by little, then would the flood-gates of heaven be opened, and the angels would help you cleanse and purify, and show you the Jacob's ladder whereon you may climb out of the stench of the burning, for the poor prostitutes must come up also; and all that is impure in thought and act alone be destroyed.

How long will ye worship God afar off when, if you could see, He waits to take up His abode in your hearts, but ye have made no room. Open wide the gates so the King of Glory shall come in; then shall the Sun of Righteousness shine, and all impurity flee forever out of our land. Then shall love, and not lust, reign; and the Kingdom of Heaven be begun on earth. I see no other way.

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

The truth and importance of spirit communion is beyond doubt with millions of people to-day; and spirits of men and women come to me for sympathy, and to gain an influence over evil, by the door being opened between the visible and invisible worlds thro' the harmony of a medium and myself. We two have consecrated ourselves, and are willing to make any sacrifices required of us for the develop-

ment of truth and the light of love in this lower sphere of existence. We are not deranged, or filled with ideas of fame, or the accumulation of money—not looking for favors of any kind, but feel the strength of a Samson to stand before the face of all opposition, knowing the Supreme power, that moves the Universe, can move mountains of difficulties from before us, and the spirits of mortals that we commune with have not deceived us, and never will. They come for good, not evil. They have tried us, and found us not wanting in courage or perseverance.

We have launched our bark on the sea of reform, and it floats thro' the breakers gallantly; the obstacles thrown into the current have no power to obstruct our course. When one says, "You will not succeed in obtaining a pass on railroads or boats," we feel a slight shock, as it was a trial to think of asking a favor before we were prepared to give an equivalent, but we put down the helm and steered for the port, and received the pass, and sailed out with a fair wind from Hannibal to St. Joe, on a splendid palace car, furnished with every convenience for the comfort of travelers, officers polite and attentive. The spirit manifested in giving the pass (an editor's) was generous, and produced an influence that we took with us to Maryville, which is of more value to the cause we advocate than many times the price of the pass. The Company throw into the treasury of progression, twenty-six dollars, planted a seed of love to one's neighbor that will grow and bring forth fruit of seed according to that planted. Atoms form the globe, and atoms of goodness form globes or spheres of love, and all those, who plant the little seeds, record the same in the spirit world every day, and many will be surprised at their reception in that Summer-land, and exclaim, "When did we visit you in prison, or clothe you when naked, or feed you when hungry?" Not knowing when they did the little acts of kindness that it would produce such a happy result.—Mrs. M. Merrick, in *A Fountain of Light*.

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