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IS SPIRITUALISM POSSIBLE.

How much there is in the idea of spiritualism is more by far than the one who does not believe there is anything at all in it, can faintly express it. It, however, is quite safe to say that almost from the original birth and death of man, spiritualism, in some form or manner, has possessed the minds of the living, due, it is herewith surmised, largely to the fact that the living so sorely regrets to have one near and dear silenced in death, and their bodies return to the elements of mother earth. A great majority of the people have always believed that in every human body there is an inner men, which seeks some other abode after the death of the body. Where that abode was or is, has been, is and will ever be the problem of solution. If that abode is in some haven of rest, where the Creator is the center of attraction, and the earth departed souls live there on flowery beds of ease, then it would seem that the departed would have no desire to return to or even visit with their dearest ones on earth. If, on the other hand, the earth-departed souls are consigned to a place of perpetual punishment, then there would be no means of escape therefrom or all so incarcerated would escape and the alleged place of punishment be deserted.

Therefore, viewing spiritualism in the light of either the affirmative or the negative, as stated above, the whole spiritualistic fabric is a delusion and a snare and those who claim they can communicate with the dead are either deceivers or mentally incapacitated.

Spiritualism has always flourished after destructive wars, in which multiplied thousands of human beings lost their lives, and their spirits would visit their loved ones at home. Whether they actually did or whether the wish was father to the thought is another unsolved phase of the spiritualistic propaganda. Caesar's ghost, so says mythology, visited the arch-enemies of the Caesar living, while they were bivouacking in their tents at night planning a decisive battle and said, "I will meet you at Phillipi." Whether true or not Caesar's enemies were defeated at the battle fought at Phillipi and if his ghost was there it had its revenge for the cowardly assassination of the living Caesar.

Throughout England at present spiritualism seems to be possessing the minds of a great majority of her citizenry in all walks of life. In the late world war the English lost a great many men, which means many home mourners, all of whom are anxious to, if possible, communicate with their dead and so it is an easy matter for the spiritualistic propaganda to spread from center to circumference in the English domain,

and especially so if it be encouraged by the leading citizens thereof.

Millions, billions, trillions and numbers beyond computation of human beings have lived and died since man first inhabited this world, and if their spirits are always about us as argues the spiritualist, then almost every conceivable square inch of space about us is pregnant with spirits, and it would be utterly impossible to communicate with one without doing so in the presence of hundreds of others. If everybody has a living soul which after death returns to the Creator, even that abode by this time must be badly overcrowded, and the same is applicable to the alleged place of everlasting torture, but to God all things are possible, and He, therefore, will make ample preparations for all who live and die.

As said above, where the spirits of those who die go after leaving the body is and ever will be an unsolved problem, but certain it is there is no sufficient evidence to justify the belief that they hover about the living and if they do, they are far from being at rest.

IT WAS A DREAM.

"The house will come to order, it now being 8.30, and we will have a word of prayer from Rev. Consistency. Now, ladies and gentlemen, this meeting is for the purpose of formulating plans for the betterment of the colored citizens, not only here, but throughout the United States. We have among us men and women of varied experience and the ideas of each are wanted at this time. We will first hear from Mr. Corn Tassel, who is thoroughly conversant on agricultural economics. You have heard the report, what is your pleasure? The same has been unanimously adopted. We will now have the report of Mr. Rich Fellow, who has had much experience in financing, as to the advisability of opening a banking institution. The motion to adopt the report is unanimously carried. It has been moved and duly seconded that Mr. Business Man present the conclusions of this meeting to the mass meeting, which has been called for November 15th, that the same may be taken under consideration by "our people." If there be no further business before the house a motion to adjourn is in order. It now being 9.30, the meeting stands adjourned, subject to the call of the chairman." Well, who would have thought a few puffs at a pipe, which seemed to have a little or nothing in it, would have caused such a peculiar dream. The above must have been a dream, because we do not conduct meetings so smoothly as this.

RACE AGAINST RACE.

There is grave danger in the position that some of our race leaders are taking in charging that the white race as a whole is an enemy to the Negro race, and therefore such race leaders are seeking to array race against race and to meet prejudice with prejudice, hatred with hatred, and bitterness with bitterness.—The position is wrong. In the first place, it is wrong as a matter of policy. We will get nowhere in our effort to secure justice and equity if we array ourselves as a race against a race that has superior numbers, intelligence and

wealth and social and political advantage. It would be far better to seek to show the white people themselves and the world the fairness of our appeal.

We do not underestimate that element of the white race that is disposed not to give us an even handed justice. This element is considerable in number, persistent in its attitude and determined so far as possible to see to it that the Negro is hindered at every point and is reduced or kept into practical peonage. But another fact is equally apparent. There is a large and growing element of white people, South as well as North, that is anxious for the Negro to have a square deal.

There are individuals in this group who, because of this attitude, are going up against social embarrassment and, in some instances economical boycott and political discord. They are fighting with might and main to maintain a good conscience and a sense of self-respect and therefore to accord to all men, including the Negro, a square deal. It is an easy matter for our race orators, agitators, debaters and writers to charge the entire white race as being opposed to the best interests of the Negro. While it is easy to do this, it is exceedingly hazardous and unfair. We must not forget the individual white men and women and large and influential groups South and North who are doing their level best to improve our condition and make life all the more tolerable. We must not forget the millions of dollars spent and the lives given for our uplift.

In our effort to secure justice we must not be unjust. In our effort to break down prejudice, we must not endorse prejudice by being prejudiced ourselves. People who know the bitterness of mistreatment, injustice and prejudice must first of all be those who know how to treat others right and treat them fairly and to measure their deeds correctly. We will lose friends rather than gain them if we fail to do this.—From the "Southwestern Christian Advocate," New Orleans, La.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

After having religiously voted against all woman suffrage bills that came before congress as long as the Democrats held the majority in Congress, those self-same Democrats fell all over themselves to vote for the woman suffrage bill that passed the House last Wednesday. Trust a Democrat to do the right thing at the wrong time.

In our opinion, President Wilson is going to have a monkey and a parrot time to pass the buck up to the Republicans in his "wet" campaign.

When you go to a public meeting and you do not object to everything that is proposed and rise to a point of order every time someone gets up to speak, then who the devil will know you are there.

"Wilson certainly made Rome howl," says the Indianapolis Star, and, believe me, Rome certainly made Wilson run to cover.

Cayton's Weekly appreciates the fifty new subscribers that have come its way the past week. It never rains but it pours.

British India has lost nearly 5,000,000 persons dying from the Spanish influenza.