

Message Department.

Each Message in this Department of the BANNER OF LIGHT was written by the Spirit whose name it bears, through the instrumentality of...

Mr. J. H. Conant, while in an abnormal condition called the trance. These Messages indicate that spirits carry with them the characteristics of their earth-life...

Invocation.

Oh, thou who changest death to life, whose light with unerring certainty hath ever shone through the darkness of every age...

Questions and Answers.

CONTROLLING SPIRIT.—Your queries, Mr. Chairman, if you have such, we are now ready to consider. QUES.—Please explain the law that produces physical manifestations, and why are they more frequent than in former times?

festations of the living who are here. He says, "I know I am right, and if I was not, why would not some of my friends return?"

The points I offer are strong enough to convince all those who know me that there is a life after death, and more than that, that those who know how can come back here and tell of that life in such terms that you cannot mistake their meaning.

I am not here to justify any course that I pursued when here, but I do say that I was, in many respects, more sinned against than sinning.

William C. Jaques.

I have a mother, sir, in Harrisburg, Penn., and I wish I could reach her by some means. I was all she had, and she has never ceased to mourn for me.

Alice Vanstein.

When I first came I thought that my brother, for he looks just like him, and I wondered how he came here, because I did not know that he was dead.

Seance opened and conducted by Wm. E. Channing; letters answered by "Cousin Benja."

Invocation.

Our Father, with deep and holy reverence for all that thou dost reveal to us through Nature from time to time, descend into the valley where the shadow of death still lies...

Questions and Answers.

QUES.—Are there not spirits who are under a strong persuasion that they are only passing through a dream?

many who believe they are in an intermediate state. In one sense this is true, but not in the sense in which they conceive it to be true.

Q.—By what spiritual power did Christ still the waves and the winds, as recorded in the New Testament?

A.—There is a great difference of opinion with regard to that story. Many are very honest in affirming that he had nothing whatever to do with the stilling of the winds and the waves.

Q.—In regard to clairvoyance, I would ask if it is not universal?

A.—Yes, every soul is of itself clairvoyant. As a soul, it is not absolutely bound to the human body. When the body is in a state of repose, the dominant power of the animal functions only, it can go off and visit other places...

Q.—I mean directly.

A.—Yes, directly. Q.—One in the fifth sphere can control one in the first, directly.

Q.—Can we mortals in the form do anything to assist those out of the form that need help—that come to us undeveloped?

Q.—Does the good behavior of society depend on its supply?

Q.—Of the material wants of life.

Adelia Bowen. I have a dear friend in St. Louis, and I am anxious to let her know that I am still a conscious spirit, and that I have the power to return and communicate here on earth.

Q.—I was born in Boston, but I died in Clandon, Vermont. My name was Charlie Pierce. I was fifteen years old. I took the chills and fever in Detroit, or they first showed themselves there.

down, in order to be successful. I might wish to come many, many times ere I could be admitted, though they always know just what conditions are requisite to each spirit who comes to ask for the privilege to commune here.

I have no special way marked out by which we can continue our correspondence, but I feel sure that when my message shall be received I shall be able to come more directly to her and hold sweet and long communion with her own spirit.

James Fagin.

[How do you do?] I am pretty comfortable, considering all the time I've been waiting. Yes, sir, it's ever since 1862, the last week in September, that I grounded arms and was promoted at the same time.

Q.—I saw the other day a little toy called a "planchette," which answers various questions when one's hands are placed upon it.

Q.—No, having seen it, we of course cannot explain it. If you will produce such a toy we will see what we can do toward explaining it.

Q.—But I have not gone to the devil at all. I left him entirely when I left that man.

Q.—Can all persons become clairvoyants, in the common acceptance of the term?

Q.—I was born in Boston, but I died in Clandon, Vermont.

Q.—I have no special way marked out by which we can continue our correspondence.

Q.—I was born in Boston, but I died in Clandon, Vermont.

Q.—I have no special way marked out by which we can continue our correspondence.

Q.—I have no special way marked out by which we can continue our correspondence.

Q.—I have no special way marked out by which we can continue our correspondence.

Q.—I have no special way marked out by which we can continue our correspondence.

Q.—I have no special way marked out by which we can continue our correspondence.

was conscious of his grief, and that he reproached himself for sending me there; he thought the air was too bracing.

Seance conducted by Theodore Parker; letters answered by "Cousin Benja."

MESSAGES TO BE PUBLISHED.

Thursday, April 23.—Invocation: Questions and Answers; Elizabeth A. Westbrook, of Boston, to her children; James West, of New Orleans; Timothy Matthews, of Missouri; his brother Charles. Monday, April 27.—Invocation: Questions and Answers; Oliver Sawyer, to friends in New York; Miles Thompson, of Pittsboro, Pa.; William Fitzgerald, of New Orleans, to his mother.

Obituaries.

Passed on to the Summer-Land, from Lebanon Village, on the 24th of July, Thomas J. Kingsley, in the 60th year of his age. A highly intellectual, influential and much esteemed man has this step-down behind the curtain that is dropped at death...

Content compilation of the Alternative Faith and Philosophy Periodicals, 1789-1878 copyright 2014 by the American Antiquarian Society. All rights reserved.

Printing

This PDF document has been sized to the full dimensions of the facsimile page image(s) and may exceed the dimensions of standard printer paper sizes. Please check your printer settings to customize printing to your needs. Common solutions for printing large-size documents to standard paper sizes may include "tiling" or "fit to page size".

Text

This document may include machine-generated Optical Character Recognition (OCR) text enabling the PDF Find function. With OCR you may also highlight, copy, and paste text into another document. The text may have errors. Refer to the facsimile page image to ensure accuracy when using the OCR text in research.

Permanent links to items compiled in this document:

- "MISS HOSMER AND CHARLOTTE CUSHMAN.", Banner of Light. August 15, 1868. 6-60.
<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=afp&AN=82048449&site=ehost-live&ppid=divp6&lpid=divl58>