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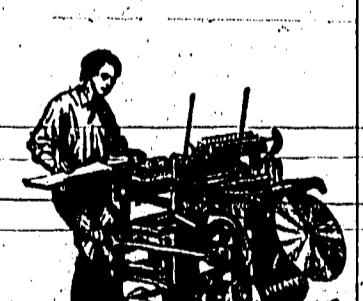
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Poetry.

Knights of Ladies.

BY DENNIS MCFLIN.

Hurrah! for the time that is comin'

"Ooh, won't the people be bloomin'!"

"Will others and crinolines this,"

"John day thin I am a thinkin'!"

"With us, we'll have a day of our year,

"Whin lastes an' last, ill be drinkin'"

To the candidate bees.

Ait this while we're in our development,

"The selling come will be heroic."

An' may be somebody will mention

Me blydy to sit in the chair,

An' may be for officer select her,

Whit four or five dollars a day,

Its meself 'would-vote to elect her,

An' put me pocket the pay.

What's the use to wrangle wid blydy

About who the livin' shall make?"

An' sure, if twill plazher I'm ridin'

To give up the bed for her sake,

Oh, then how the people will cheer,

To dad a downy, ill any at the shanty,

A boolin' the balf' un' potatis,

An' mendin' the rips an' the fair.

This while election approaches,

As the little ones are in their state

With big bands of mount an' terrors,

Ab' Friday a shanidil' the trials,

I'll be on the sidewalk burrarin'.

For me own dazil' Biddy McElkin,

Whit a chile in me arms, an drawin'

A cab'wid another one.

An' while I'm makin' her spaches

Before the great min of the land;

Sur'ly I'll stid her me braces,

An' all by her side on the strand,

An' after she's done'd wid her talkin'

Oh, then how the people will cheer,

An' what's the people we're beakin'

An' be ood' for Boddy me dear,

An' while all the wain' is over

All' Boddy's elected, shun this,

With honorable Misses McFlin,

The shanty I'll quickly be leavin'

An' I'll chug' along fast,

Whit a horse an' shay for me drivin'

An' a nayger to wait on the baste.

It's niver a lie I'm spakin'

But thurr every word that I say,

It's itself twain never be takin'

The rights of the ladies away.

If a issis thinkin' it proper,

To shoulder the mortai' an' brak,

Bad luck to the half that would stop her,

I'd black his two eyes purty quick.

The way is for all to kape say,

An' they will step up vote like a nishy,

Now, if you'll be a nishy,

An' this shudl' they offer be takin',

Or twirl the pick or the spade,

An' fur' us the livin' be makin'

Who care, so the livin' is made.

Reviewing.

REAL LIFE IN THE SPIRIT-LAND.—Being Life Experiences, Scenes, Incidents, and Conditions, Illustrative of Spirit Life, and the Principles of Spiritual Philosophy. Given in Inspiration by Mrs. Maria M. King. Vol. I.

Mrs. King is a resident of this town and the book has been left on our table by her husband. We have taken it up with more interest than we generally have in books of this class, because, judging from its title, we hoped to find some definite and tangible expression of the ideas of spiritualism concerning the character, conditions and attractions of the future state. We have not been altogether disappointed. It is possible to gather from it, we think, a tolerably exact understanding of the writer's ideas of the future existence, and we suppose, of the spiritualists, as a body, for while they do not admit the authority of any person or persons, to speak for them, there are points on which they are supposed to agree, and this book is evidently intended to be general in character, and is, we judge, as free from points of controversy among avowed spiritualists, as any can be. There must be points of agreement, those points must be clearly stated and well understood, and firmly believed in, or there can be no organization, no united action and no success, and although opposition to evangelical religion, as represented by the several church organizations, has probably been one of the chief "bonds of sympathy" in the spiritualistic organizations, so far, there must be something more than a negative bond. There must be something positive, which the organization is to be more than a passing cloud, black and threatening for a time, but soon breaking into fragments and disappearing to leave the sky as calm and unruled as before.

And this book does not attempt to discuss the principles of Spiritual Philosophy, it bears directly upon the most important point in any religious belief; that is the future state. All religions derive their importance from the fact that man is immortal, and that his future existence is to be the outgrowth of this. But for these two facts all religion, and all religious belief, would be idle. If man was not immortal, or if his conduct here had nothing to do with his condition hereafter, the two world would be of no consequence and would have no more interest to us than questions concerning life in the planets or stars. But admitting the immortality of man, and that the conduct in this life determines the character in the next, and the future possesses an intense interest, which no reasoning man, in the possession of his faculties can resist, he will desire to know what that life is to which this is, but the stepping stone, and what course of action is likely to secure the best results.

The teachings of the Bible are exact and plain on this point. Two conditions of life are portrayed, one of misery and trouble, and the other of incomparable enjoyment, and how to escape the one and gain the other is left without danger of mistake to those who candidly and carefully seek to know. The distinguishing feature of the Bible however, is perfect happiness of heart and life, derived chiefly from companionship with God and angelic intelligences, and it follows, necessarily, that unless the heart is brought into such harmony with God and his laws, that companionship with him and those who are like him in his moral nature, gives happiness, then no happiness is possible. This seems to us the plain intent of the Bible, and a just inference from its teachings. We do not see that, according to this revelation, there is any difficulty to

the matter under consideration, we come back to the book before us, and its teachings which are not derived from the Bible, and do not profess to be.

It claims to be a revelation of an inhabitant of the spirit world—John Adams made through the medium, Mrs. King, and to be an account of what he has seen and heard in "spirit land." The narrations were given to him by the subjects of them, and by him related to or through Mrs. King. There are several of these narratives. Chapter first is "The experience of an Unknown One," being a narrative given by the spirit of a slave who died in a dismal dungeon from the combined effects of scourging and hunger during the seventeenth century, and who was a Catholic. His experience after death is given. The first sensations were like a recovery from a swoon. He was free from pain, and had no wish but to remain in that state of inactive rest. He remained in this semi-consciousness and perfect quiet for an hour, when his "newly-born" spiritual body had acquired more strength, and he began to look about, and found himself surrounded by a mellow light, and saw some forms hovering about whom he stood afterwards, discovered to be buried relatives. Then he knew he was dead. It was hours before he gained sufficient strength to go to his spirit home with his attendants. The details of the journey are not given. Some time after arriving there he entered upon that course of "education and discipline" which would prepare him for the "higher circles" of spirit life with the wise and pure redeemed from the human grossness.

He was educated by living his life over again in inquiry and review, so vivid as to make it a real experience, and more intense than the reality had been. His tormentors at length arrived in the spirit land, and he was made their teacher and labored and toiled with them much as fleshly teachers do, and succeeded in bringing them to love him as they had before hated him, and with this his experience closes. A very uniting heaven, we should say. Earth with its toils is preferable.

The next is a slave mother's story. Her earthly career ended with a whipping and sailing down, after the manner of the late charity. The details of her experience as a slave, and of her experience in the spirit land are given. In the latter it was her work to watch over the children she had left on earth, and a troublesome time she had. To quote her own language she had yet to wade through deep waters, whose channels were beds of fire; an experience suggestive of anything but happiness. The narrative of her guardianship of one of her sons is simply the story of his slave life, all of which is probable enough.

Chapter third is devoted to "Children in the Spirit Land" and it is true, they require the same care and watchfulness, the same training and educating as in this lower sphere. We learn that the school rooms are boxes attached to the temples, and so constructed that outside objects are hidden from view, so that the attention of the group cannot be distract from what is being taught, while the profusion of roses fragrant air, and the cheering smiles of a loving teacher, make it a pleasure no to the children to remain within us long as is required for a lesson. The children will be delighted to know that there is no "compulsory study" in those boweries. The guardians are the nearest relatives fit for the guardianship.

Chapter fourth is "A Council of Ancients," but the chapter has some important side issues. It comes out incidentally but strongly, "that it requires a male and female to compose a whole man as a perfect being" and therefore "a ring of the spirit land may be understood to be, in one sense, a man and his wife, who is also a wise woman." This is good doctrine, and in the general treatment of the women question the chapter seems to be excellent, giving to man and woman each a distinct and proper sphere.

The council was presided over by Ben Franklin, and composed of such men as Pitt, Lafayette, Washington, the Adames, Jefferson, Otis, &c., &c., and had reference to the affairs of this nation, decided upon the choice of him for the president, and pinned with the cold; her miserable hood had fallen on her shoulders, and a pair of eloquent eyes looked up into the lady's face, while her stampy broom, she swept the crossing.

"Never mind," said she to herself, "I can walk home, this poor little thing needs this more than I do;" and she dropped into the open palm before her the only sixpence left. "There, child, a happy new year to you," she said, in a sweet sympathizing voice, which made the tears come into the dark eyes of the little girl as she tried to thank her.

It was a long walk that the lady had before her, and the omnibus rattled along with a provoking empty seat or two inside; but her heart was light and happy with the little sacrifice which she had made, and just as the jets of gas began to blaze out of the windows she reached her home. She had been married only a short time, and as she looked around her pretty room, she felt more than ever grateful that God had given her such a happy home. She had not removed her hat and cloak when she heard her husband's step in the hall, and with a smile and kiss, she met him at the door.

"Why, Kate, how tired you look; have you done a great deal of walking, to-day?"

Kate blushed and smiled, but deception was not a part of her nature, and she replied—"Yes, Henry, I walked all the way home."

"You shouldn't have done that," said he, a little reproachfully; and then he laughed as he continued: "Did you spend all your money; so that you could not afford a sixpence to ride home with?"

"Well, I suppose I must tell," said Kate with another blush, "I did have just one sixpence left, and was going to ride, when such a poor little girl—"

"Yes, that's it, I know what's coming,"

Why, Kate, you make the very mischievous among the poor people and my penance; they are the most ungrateful set in the world."

"But," said Kate, earnestly, "she was such a delicate, half-dressed, and, I am afraid, half-starved little street-sweeper—"

"Street-sweeper!" and her husband held up both his hands in mock horror, "why, why, Kate, they pick up handfuls of money in a day; and did you walk home and give one whole sixpence? Oh, oh, what won't you do?"

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