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SCIENTIFIC. PERSONAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL

The superstitions belief in the infallibility of "Scientists" even when they invaded the sphere of religion is fast waning; though to the man in the street and to the half-educated "Science" is still limited to the physical sciences. That there must he sciences that transcend the physical is a fact which has been recognized by the great thinkers of all the ages. Yet it has long been the fashion for modern secular scholarship to despise metaphysics and to exclude this queen of sciences from all fellowship, and above all, fellowship with-"Science." If God has revealed Himself and His will to man science of Theology. "Science" and reign had still less room for Theology than for metaphysics. Floundering in the quagmire of materialism "Science" and "Scientists" have failed to fulfil their promises, have utterly failed to satisfy either the human heart or the human intellect.

What suggests these reflections just now is the perturbation of American 'Scientists" over the attitude of Sir Oliver Lodge on spiritism. Sir Oliver has so long been recognized as a high priest and prophet of "Science," so long regarded as having indisputably and in such high degree that "Scientific" mentality which makes the human mind open to Truth alone and impervious to error, that the "Szientific" protests of his lesser brethren are positively fanny-as well as instructive.

Professor Jastrow, who has occu pied the Chair of Psychology in the University of Wisconsin since 1888, characterizes Sir Oliver Lodge's belief as "totally unscientific and misleading." He speaks not for him salf alone, but tells us that "Scientists and psychologists" (note the inadvertent distinction) are preparing to discredit Sir Oliver's "extravagant views." The Professor mentions specifically several Scientists mostly psychologists who are interested with him in combating Sir Oliver's spiritistic faith. We need not repeat his enumeration.

Professor Jastrow writes :

balieve in survival is because persons of distinction and sound training have endorsed the evidence That is the argument from prestige. which naturally and properly has prestige of Sir Oliver Lodge as a physicist that carries over to his personal belief in the genuineness of spirit manifestations. As a fact the operations of his mind in the physical laboratory move in one man ner, and in his reaction to the communications of mediums behave in altogether different fashion. It is totally unwarranted to accredit his personal views with the weight of his reputation as a physicist."

Now here is a distinction which forbidden superstition? rivals that of the Schoolmen when Scholasticism was in its decline, equivocally condemns spiritism : but The subtleties of decadent Scholas- does any one either "scientifically ticism have long been a subject for or "personally" believe that the contemptuous laughter on the part Catholic faith in life after death, of modern scholarship-often quite that faith which has transformed the innocent of any knowledge of world, rests on this condemned Scholastic Philosophy beyond the superstition? trite subtleties derided. But here The Wisconsin psychologist may we have a perfectly good modern not intend to convey the impression scientific psychologist explaining that there is no other "scientific' away the mental aberrations of a ground for belief in "survival" much better and equally modern but he does convey it. matter. It is serious.

tions of his mind in the physical superstition is supplanting the thing."

laboratory move in one manner, and tenuous Christian faith of such in his reaction to the communica- multitudes : tions of mediums behave in alto-

gether different fashion." O. E. D. This, remember, is no laughing no other proof whatever.

views" of scientifts on matters of spelt out and a basis for further comreligion "with the weight of their munications was established. It is reputation as physicists "or chemists quite unnecessary to describe in or electricians.

And we tell the same thing to system of spiritual telegraphy. materialistic psychologists who see Great excitement was caused in the in the mind of man only the develop- neighborhood, and when the family, a ment of the instinct of brutes; who few months later, moved to Rochessee its beginnings even in plants; ter, the rappings followed them there, whose assumptions rest on a basis Gossip and the newspapers spread at all, then there is, there must be a even less secure than the poor super- the report of these occurrences far stition which serves as the substi- and wide. Other curious persons "Scientists" in the hey day of their tute for religion in so great a Scien- soon began to try to put themselves tist as Sir Oliver Lodge.

Professor Jastrow can hardly repress his indignation and contempt for any one who believes in spread almost passes belief. Judge survival."

He says: "In the interests of social sanity as well as in the name of sound States, became an early convert. He science, it is important to make it plain that the men of science, psy-chologists and all others who have which he saw spirit forms as clearly a concern for the logic of right as the objects he beheld with his thinking, regard the position of Sir bodily eyes, endless communicascientific standing. For Sir Oliver as the representative of British science we have the most cordial emanate from Francis Bacon, Swedcate of survival on evidence that is steeped in fraud and is full of childish irrelevance we cannot have any other feeling than that of the duty to counteract his influence."

For a psychologist he is very meagre, arid, in his explanations of become so insanely "unscientific."

Again the Professor:

"Through all ages people have believed in the survival of the 3,000,000. . . personality on the basis of commun-

How modern and how "Scientific"! Through all the ages people have believed in the survival of the personality for much more solid West 57th Street, New York, is "But the main reason why people reasons than necromancy. But here deserted now, except one room, from cellar to roof. The room is survival after death is due to this of age, an object of charity, a mental superstition which never through all and physical wreck whose appetite the ages had such a hold on people is only for intoxicating liquors. The into the CATHOLIC RECORD, of a little gence and the sense of justice of our great weight. It is the deserved as in this superstitious age of neo-paganism.

Thirty five hundred years ago the Jewish Law ran:

"Neither let there be found among vou . . . any one that consulteth pythonic spirits, or fortunetellers, or that seeketh the truth from the dead." Deut. xviii. 11.

Is any one silly enough to attribute the faith of the Jews to this

"The Catholic Church today un-

Scientist whose scientific training However, the Professor's state and mentality has led him to con- ment that necromancy in its modern clusions "totally unscientific and form "is an American invention misleading." This is no laughing about seventy-years old "is quite true. And, leaving further consider-Sir Oliver has prestige, that is ation of the subject for another time, pastoral letter of Bishop Scollard. admitted. But when his prestige as we shall subjoin an extract or two a physicist "carries over" to his "per- from an article in the Month which the administration of his diocese is why? Because "as a fact the opera-historic interest at a time when this

"It is generally admitted that modern spiritualism began with the fact, indisputable, inescapable, evermanifestations at Hydesville, in present. matter. It is Science. You may hold Wayne County, New York, in which that Sir Oliver Lodge is the same the two Fox sisters played a princi- the high cost of production is one man, that his mind is the same pal part that it seems useless to heap self-evident factor. Suppose you mind; and that this highly educated up testimonies on the subject. Mar. build a house; you find that every man, this highly trained—and scien- garetta Fox was then (March, 1848) ounce of material, every hour of tifically trained—mind is the same 14 or 15 years old, and her sister labor, is enormously increased. You mind, and therefore you can't see Katie 12. Inexplicable noises and simply can not rent that house at how he can be so easily fooled. You rappings, it is said, had been heard the same rate you could under conhave the "Scientific" explanation for some time in the farmhouse occu- ditions prevailing a few years ago. the operations of his mind in the pied by the family, and one night, We all know there is profiteering; laboratory move in one manner"- Margaretta Fox, enapping her fingers that is taking advantage of condi we have to concede that. But, "in a certain number of times, chaltions to exact an exorbitant profit. might return. They decreased the his reaction to the communication, lenged the powers which produced But the tailor who pays two or three of mediums the operations of his these sounds to reply by making the times as much for cloth, and pays a few more reams to the ton; they mind behave in altogether different same number of raps. This was much higher wages, is not profiteer increased advertising rates; they fashion." We have to accept this done. Then their mother, Mrs. Fox, ing when he advances the price of a retrenched expenses wherever reon the psychological prestige of Pro- who was present, asked the spirit to guit of clothes in proportion to the trenchment was possible. Now, fessor Jastrow, for he vouchsafes give by raps, first of all the number increased cost of production. of her children (only the two young-Stripped of the pedantic verbiage est girls were actually living in the produced, and the cost of production scribers. of pompous but superficial modern house), and afterwards their respec- has materially advanced, it is not psychology, Professor Jastrow merely tive ages. To all these questions a the profiteering spirit but the comsays: "Let the shoemaker stick to correct answer was returned. After pelling force of absolute necessity his last." That is just what Catho- some further experiments of the that demands a proportionate clearly this fact : the increased rates lics have for years been telling same sort on different occasions, it increase in price. Scientists" who included this occurred to the children to try to The cost of producing the unwarranted to accredit the personal way the name "Charles Rayn" was

detail the developments of this new

in communication with the spirits

"The rapidity with which the craze Edmonds, a man of unimpeachable integrity, who had occupied the highest judicial position in the United himself had spiritual visions, in Oliver as a personal matter without tions were made to him in automatic script which purported to welcome and respect; for the advo- enburg, Benjamin Franklin and other celebrities of the past; his daughter developed mediumistic powers, and in her trances is said to have spoken in half a dozen different languages which she had never learned. Now emphatic in his assertions, but Judge Edmonds, after travelling in every part of the States to lecture to how Sir Oliver's "personal views" his fellow Spiritualists, seriously computed that already in 1854 the followers of the movement in America numbered as many as

"It is worthy of notice that Mrs. ications from the departed; the Jencken (Katie Fox) died of drink accounts are like; they are the the year from April 28th, 1920, to April and the revelations of mediums is an of the Fox sisters, followed her, in American invention, about seventy March, 1893. Her end was pitiable every letter and every figure prepared by the same as in the originals. Would make clear. Though the account of her last days from the Washington Daily Star, March 7,

> "The tenement house of No. 456 though marked by age dissipation, shows unmistakably that the woman was once beautiful. This wreck of womankind has been a guest in palaces, and courts. The powers of mind, now almost imbescientific men in America, Europe hand. and Australia. Her name eulogised, sung and ridiculed in a languages. The lips that utter little else now than profanity once promulgated the doctrine of new religion which still numbers its tens of thousands of enthusiastic believers."

> > A SALUTARY LESSON

After suit had been entered in the civil courts against Le Droit on behalf of Bishop Scollard the French paper in question published in full the Bishop's Pastoral Letter. The land's youth into the open, so Letter which we reproduced in the RECORD last week scathingly de nounced the mendacious, scandalous, and libellous statements which had demned the so called Home Rule proappeared in Le Droit. Accompanying the Letter Le Droit published the following retractation

trolling authority, and we accept the Rishon Scollard in all that concerns

The High Cost of Living is a trite per cent.

per cent.

Wages 75 per cent. Many causes contribute it; but readers.

Motion-pictures are a veritable

Type 100 per cent. Printing machinery from 150 to 200

Other items of cost enter into the production of the CATHOLIC RECORD, but these will suffice to make the situation plain to our

There is only one thing to do and that is to increase the price.

The Management has deferred this step for two or three years in the hope that the normal pre-War prices weight of the paper, thereby getting however reluctantly, they are com-Where the article is continuously pelled to advance the rates to sub-

> The subscription rates henceforth will be, \$2.00 in Canada, \$2.50 foreign. However, we would impress very take effect only after your present subscription expires.

world and the next, the material and ascertain the name of the rapping CATHOLIC RECORD is a case in point. If your subscription expires Oct. the spiral within the domain of their general philosophizing and the letters of the alphabet in turn of the sheet newsprint, one of April effect, so far as you are concerned, 10th, 1920, the new rate will go into dogmatizing. We have always emphatically protessed that it is "totally given at the proper letter. In this 1920.

INVOICE OF APRIL 5, 1917 them some effect. cannot see this vast influence at candid about his philosophy. work without asking themselves in what direction that influence tends;

hands.

results at all. tional results been produced? Have that done years ago, and has it not the public learned anything that is since been the normal condition of boy or girl who has been attending is not to determine the superiority of the pictures for two or three years this or that athlete or group of and inquire for yourself. You will athletes, but to create abnormal profind that hardly one useful or valu- fits for certain financial interests. able idea has been left in the mind Some day there will be a great revulby all the flitting shadows of the sion, and amateur sport come into screen. You will, however, in most its own. Meanwhile those who pay cases, find a certain nervous restless. preposterous admission fees to specness and a precocious knowledge of tacles of the kind are but receiving which grown up people can get along flasco. without to a much greater extent than some people seem to suppose.

BY THE OBSERVER

craze. Millions of people attend

them constantly; and the vast pat-

ronage embraces all classes, educated

plain as to need no pointing out. No

other thing to which public attention

is invited receives that attention so

readily, so eagerly, or on such a vast

scale. The most eloquent preachers

can hardly hold the attention of an

average congregation for an hour,

once or twice a week. The school

old man.

the forbidden fruit, he said to her, going in the matter of proprietorship 'In what day you shall eat thereof of the land, the special London coryour eyes shall be opened, and you respondent of the Chicago Tribune, shall be as Gods, knowing good and Mr. John S. Steele, says: evil."

And ever since that day, the same devil has tempted the human race by offering to human curiosity the storing the feudal system. knowledge of evil; nor has he ever lacked helpers; nor will he ever lack still further back. Before the feudal them while money is to be made by lords were the free yeomen farmers serving him.

methods are the same now as they Today the yeomen of England are were in the Garden of Eden ; but coming back to their own. Satan is an up-to-date player of the descendants of King Harry's new attempt to demonstrate the matter in June, 1892, and Mrs. Kane by knocks and raps and spirit forms (Margaretta Fox), the last survivor ductions of the actual invoices. \$2.50 outside of Canada. ties contained in the changing affairs cause it no longer pays to be a landof men, ever escapes his eye; and he lord." uses them all; every them; to ensuare the human heart | IT HAS taken England almost four of the paper used by the Catholic advance the new rate will not affect and to deaden the conscience. Noth- centuries to learn the lesson, but ing that can by any means be turned learning it at length she appears to attention of the devil.

as it is today.

but a leg show," said a boy of hardly them. 'The individual withers, and ten years, coming out of a nickel the State is more and more.' There theatre the other evening. Babies is scant opportunity for prayer and who ought to be in bed are, today, repose in the restless, commonplace regular patrons and cynical critics of age in which we live. The whole 'leg-shows."

tions : of a husband humorously motive power of all real progress." deceived; of a prostitute tempting a boy; of a girl who is "in trouble;" of a gilded youth who has a "good nineteenth century, they are even time" amongst female "sports;" the more true of the twentieth. Wealth, topics of lust; they are everywhere comfort, amusement, these form the and constantly on the screen.

to every enemy of England and tween the scenes, a half-naked be seen whether the silent revoluwoman comes on the stage, without tion referred to will, by restoring the a voice, without beauty, without tiller of the soil to his primal status grace; with only two assets, impu- as a proprietor, also recall him to his dence and lascivious suggestiveness, one time sense of stewardship. She sings. What about? about The post bellum signs are not prosexual relations. She jokes. What pitious, yet out of the gross materialabout ? about adultery and fornica- ism of the age may yet emerge sometion. She dances. What sort of thing of the pre Raformation spirit; dance? No poetry of motion; simple when men were governed by men, exposure of the person. As the ten- not by machinery in the shape of year old put it : "a leg show ;" that's Government enactments tending to

Knowledge of good and evil! much | dividual. evil; little good; evil very often; good very saldom; that is the record

Printing ink has increased 100 HOW FAR SHALL WE LET IT GO! today; especially when allied with vaudeville.

Lust and crime! Take these two subjects off the screen, as the screen now is and how many pictures would you have left? The present stock would be very much reduced.

and uneducated, rich and poor, from No; we are not condemning the the toddling child to the doddering whole business of moving pictures. It could be a great power for good, On the very face of such a situa-It is a great power for evil. tion the moral considerations are so

NOTES AND COMMENTS

"Some VERY foolish fellows are still keeping up the practise of teaching children manners. I remember a well-known citizen who complained that when he advertised for a servant, of the dozen applicants teacher is under constant strain to not one of them knew enough to hold the attention of his classes. any one to bow down to another. I The journalist knows well that the want every girl and boy to go with best of what he writes will be soul erect.

wholly neglected by thousands of This, according to the daily papers, those who take his paper in their is the deliberate opinion of Dr. James L. Hughes of Toronto, as For the purpose of making an im- expressed in a public address. The pression it is necessary to secure and painful lack of manners of the rising to hold attention. And nothing has generation is the subject of general ever caught and held public attention comment. We have often wondered so easily and so completely as motion whence this lack was derived. As pictures. And it is impossible to Dr. Hughes was for many yearshold and interest millions year in Superintendent of the Toronto Public and year out, night after night, to Schools, and had a free hand in interest them, to fill their minds drawing up the curriculum, we need with images, without producing upon now wonder no longer. Education, like other things, is to be judged by Those who are friends of morality its results. And Dr. Hughes is quite

THE ENORMOUS stakes offered for and what results it is producing. It the Dempsey-Carpentier boxing conis impossible that there should be no test removes the performance from the field of sport, in the judgment of In the first place have any educa- the London Times. But was not worth knowing? Take the average professional athletics? The intent evil which it is not desirable that their deserts when treated, as not children should have at all, and infrequently they are, to a grotesque

DISCUSSING THE blocdless revolu-When the devil tempted Eve to eat tion which England is now under-

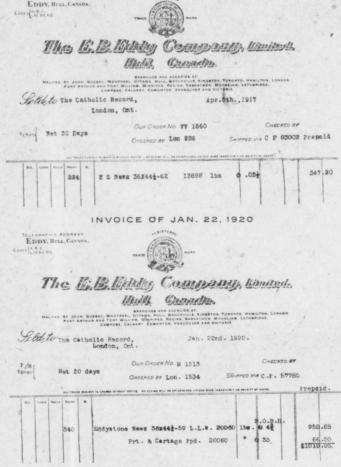
"The last revolution of the kind occurred when King Henry VIII. broke up the monasteries and gave the abbey lands to his favorites, re-

Now the wheel is taking a turn of England, men who owned and Knowledge of evil! Satan's allegiance to no man but the kingworked their own land and owed men of five hundred years ago are

to his purposes, ever escapes the be. The "Reformation" has been hailed as the "great emancipation." Never, since the Church, by the Men are coming slowly to see that in hands of apostles and saints, with reality it turned back the march of miracle and with martyrdom, won progress at least four hundred years. the nations away from the sin of "It is doubtful," wrote Prof. Fredlust has the thought of lust been so erick Stokes, thirty years ago. generally familiar to youthful minds | "whether the influences of the nineteenth century do not tend to de-"Ah, they can't sing; its nothin' grade men rather than to elevate atmosphere of the time is fatal to The topics of lust; of sexual rela- that spirit of faith which is the

IF THESE words were true of the triple divinity at whose shrine Boys and girls see them; and be- humanity worships. It remains to the total elimination of the in-

As To social conditions in England of the moving picture business of in the centuries preceding the "Ra-



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for the increased rate will be neces-Altogether that means an increase sary; we feel assured that we can

in the cost of the paper that goes rely on the good sense, the intelliless than \$6,000.00 a year.

THE IRISH SITUATION

As we are about to close our forms cile, were the wonder and study of some interesting despatches come to

The Graphic (London, Eng.) features a Dablin despatch in which occurs the following:

"Nothing can avert a fresh tragedy except the utmost coolness on the part of the authorities. Any increase in the rigor of martial law will inevitably precipitate such a tragedy, causing dangerous complications for England in America.

"The chief danger, according to The Graphic advices, is on the widespread conviction that a small Dublin Castle clique is bent on getting frethe morale of the Sinn Fein may be and peace are mere hypocrisies. broken by bloody repression.'

The Daily News severely conposal of the Government, and asks :

are thus mocking the maddened vic-tims of their own cowardly policy be "We regret that this correspond time of their own cowardly policy be causes, it was tangled up with the ence escaped the notice of our conslight promise of happier development which may be hidden in its crooked premises?"

The Morning Post, reactionary Prussianism in Ireland that would without responsibility.

go for its models not to Belgium or to Poland, but to Turkey, tells Viscount French that he has failed and should resign unless he redeems himself by ordering that all "criminals" (Ian MacPherson says there are 200,000 of them) should be "court-martialed and shot." Sounds like the bleating of that gentle Crange lamb who was lately with us -Mr. Coote, M. P .- "Shoot them down like dogs."

friends and readers.

Sir Horace Plunkett in Dublin Thursday evening said :

'Ireland has become increasingly during the last decade the final proof America that British aims in war where they profess to have any regard whatsoever for the liberty of small nationalities. In America I found more bitter

anti English feeling than in all my "Can the insincere jugglers who forty years of observations. As usual, although due to many other expressed in Irish terms.'

'Sir Horace criticized the Home Rule Bill because it gave Ulster and a minority of not more than one-fifth organ of the British junkers, and the of the Irish people a 'virtual manadvocate of a naked and unashamed datory over Ireland—a mandatory