

and often is more flourishing under persecution.

There are individuals connected with every Society which are not worthy and are untruthful, so with Spiritualism. The medium quoted by friend Mosher that in consulting the spirits, the medium wished to deceive, seems to show the unworthiness, and the false existing, for a true medium never wishes to deceive, but to interpret correctly every manifestation. It is also the universal testimony of those spirits, who have while on earth lived righteously, that they are happy in the spirit world. And those who while in earth life did not live righteously, have a chance of improving their condition.

Spiritualism and infidelity can never in the nature of things "join hands;" this is apparent when we reflect that a spiritualist investigates the laws of God, and inquires into those manifestations which took place in Rochester, New York, also in Connecticut, which were affirmed to by truthful citizens of those localities. Also studying the daily manifestations which take place, and the conditions that will best serve to get these manifestations. An infidel does not believe the truths contained in the scriptures, spiritualists do, for they believe what is true and reject the false, as they have witnessed just as unusual an occurrence as the hand writing on the wall at Belshazzars' feast. "Infidels do not give faith to anything, are sceptical, heathens," etc. Not so with spiritualists, they believe in every proven truth. Also in an omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent God, a being impartial, and utterly just in every dispensation, and ever deals out just judgment, and who will fill the soul with joy when He condescends to visit us, and raises the soul in thanksgiving and praise for His gift of life and unnumbered blessings to us. And in His adorable 'mercy and goodness' has connected this earth life with the spirit life, and has made a communication possible. *Which absolutely proves that we exist after the death of these mortal*

*bodies* which adds so to the pleasure of our existence here, to know this and not have to depend on faith alone.

Now the great and practical question comes up,—What are the advantages of Spiritualism? To sum up briefly:

1. It adds to the pleasure of existence to absolutely know that life continues after the death of these bodies of ours.

2. The happiness conferred upon us by being able to communicate with our loved and lost.

3. The good advice we receive from the good spirits, being of great use to us.

4. To quiet superstition and idolatry, and enable man to have the truthful view of life.

5. Gives greater praise to the Creator, to know that good laws govern the universe

6. And teaches us that the more righteously we live here on earth, the higher the place, and the greater the happiness in spirit life. And also that the unrighteous will after the death of the mortal body, have a chance for improvement.

7. Convinces the mind of the cold materialist, and forces him to believe in a spiritual religion. In closing this paper it may be well to quote a letter written to Col. Bundy, publisher of the "Religio-Philosophical Journal," Chicago, Illinois, and devoted to the investigations of spiritualism, by Frances E. Willard, whose very name sends a thrill of pleasure, as her intellect is large enough, and broad enough, and deep enough, to embrace proven truths, and who is President of the World's and National Woman's Christian Temperance Union:

"Col. John C. Bundy, Dear Brother: You have a very taking new 'head,' quite unique, and harmonious in its aspect, and you are the oldest editor of a psychical paper that has been developed on this planet. You do not shun to declare the whole counsel of this inchoate science, so far as you understand it. In the pulverization of shams you are