

SADLY SARCASTIC BUT TERRIBLY TRUEFUL.

In the Fredericton Farmer... of all the papers in Canada... there is an alleged poem, in which a bird called a "Bunkum" makes comments on various public men.

A GENTLE WIFE'S VICTORY.

HOW A WOMAN WON HER HUSBAND OVER TO THE SAFE SIDE. (Revivalist Sam Jones in a sermon.) Above all qualities in the world for a wife is a spirit of gentleness.

CHRISTIAN DOLLARS.

To China and Japan to convert the heathen, missionaries are still being sent. It costs money to send these good men to the other end of the world.

RESIGNED AS M. P. TO BECOME P. M.

VICTORIA, B.C., Dec. 23.—N. Shakespeare, M.P., has resigned his seat in the Commons to accept the Victoria Postmastership.

MODERN SPIRITISM.

AN EXAMINATION INTO PANTHEISTIC AND DEISTIC PRETENSIONS.

The following admirable article is one of a course of lectures on "Modern Physical Research," delivered at the University of St. Louis by Rev. James F. X. Hooper, S.J.

The remarkable feature in the revelations of the spirits is the heterogeneous and conflicting nature. Spiritists themselves warn us that whereas the spirits which communicate with us are mostly of the lower orders, and as prone to deceive as our brethren in the flesh, their revelations must be carefully sifted in order to obtain the pure grain of doctrine.

The father of the Pantheistic system is our own celebrated visionary, A. J. Jackson Davis, who is called the great forerunner of spiritism.

According to this revelation there is only one being, which men call God; all other things are only emanations or evolutions of that single primal substance.

The seven spheres of perfection through which spirits must ascend to the highest blessed state (which, in his hypothesis, is re-absorption into the absolute being of God), and the social Utopia of a golden age soon to come upon earth, are the other salient points of the system, though equally maintained in the Deistic revelation.

Thus, we have the genesis of man; thus, human existence is a trial through which spirits must pass, before they reach final perfection; thus, spirits, after leaving the body in death, are for a season wandering spirits, and then become incarnate again.

The philosophy of a revelation made by spirits, or by men, out of their own resources, and on their own responsibility, amounts to nothing more than this: they testify as witnesses, to something hidden or unknown; the value of their testimony depends on their honesty and integrity.

According to the statements of spiritists themselves, therefore, neither the character nor the communications of the spirits would pass muster before the poorest human tribunal of justice.

WAS BEACONSFIELD RIGHT

WHEN HE SAID THE CRITICS ARE THE MEN WHO HAVE FAILED IN LITERATURE AND ART? A contributor to Macmillan's Magazine makes this confession: I am much inclined to doubt whether the literature of my age has been more benefited by its critics.

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A FIERCE BATTLE FOR LIFE.

St. Ignace, Mich., Dec. 22.—John Bernoit on returning to his home at Lake Nipissing found the lake partially covered with ice, but had an axe in his canoe and with it chopped a channel for the boat, making fair progress until the tool slipped from his hand into the water.

AN UNHOLY MISSIONARY.

DUBLIN, Dec. 22.—United Ireland asserts that Sir Michael Ross, Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, Ireland, has started for Rome to assist in the conversion of the Pope to an approval of coercion.

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