

by a wise and everlasting Creator, that He would have made a connecting link that would unite this existence with the spirit world, and that when our near and dear ones leave this tenement of clay, that under certain conditions we still might hold intelligent communications with them. After making a number of, I think impartial, investigations I was absolutely thrilled with joy to know that this *connecting link does really exist*, and under certain conditions we can hold actual communication with them. It would evidently extend the limits of this paper to give the different startling illustrations under test conditions to prove that such is a fact.

Therefore an investigation by each and all is necessary. And we must remember that our opinion is not worth much upon any subject unless we do investigate. And I have noticed that those most denunciatory in regard to this subject are usually those who have not made any investigations. The writer in her article puts the question—"Now what are the fruits of spiritualism?" And answers thus,—*"Leading its votaries away from everything good and plunging them into everything bad; breaking up homes, etc."* This is certainly, according to my researches of the subject, not the case. There is no intelligent spiritualist that I know of who advocates free-loveism in the mortal life, neither is it in any way an outgrowth of its doctrines. Such a teaching would be so abhorrent and revolting to the best interests of the human race that there could be no accessions by righteous people to such a system. And what do we find exists, It is claimed that there are twenty million believers, and it is spreading faster than any other belief, and numbers among its advocates the most learned, and those who would suffer martyrdom before advocating or telling an untruth. It was investigated, I am informed, by the London Dialectical Society, composed of some of the most eminent men in England, which

made a division into six separate bodies for the purpose, and in the reports, four of these bodies reported manifestations. A few years ago the subject was investigated by a commission appointed by the University of Pennsylvania. A negative result was reported in a preliminary examination, and the late Dr. Joseph Leidy, my preceptor, and one of said commission, and one of the most learned men of the age, told me that they had made no recent investigations. A recommended minister in our Society of Friends, who has made researches, assured us that she has talked with her materialized husband, who had left earth life years ago. The testimony of this ministering Friend can be relied upon. The most prominent physician in our neighborhood, whose every statement would be as true as he is, has also seen, and talked with these materialized spirits, who were near and dear to him while living in earth life. The writer of this has also had communications and advice upon various matters coming in such a way, that no jugglery on earth, or mortal being could perform. In all ages of the world it has been, and is likely to be verified in all time to come, that, in the dawn of a great truth, before it is fully accepted by the people, said truth, will have to undergo persecution and false accusation. It was so in the grand truths that Jesus taught, that were to gather us in an harmonious moral people. It was so in the truth given forth by Galileo, which an enraged people required to recant. And also those bearing the name of Christians who persecuted the followers of George Fox, tying even the women to carts and dragging them through the streets and beating them all the while on their bare backs. What a change now, as the Society of Friends or "Quakers," are respected by every Christian. And strange as it may seem, we see this same spirit of persecution in some members of the Society of Friends. It is comforting however, to know that truth will spread,