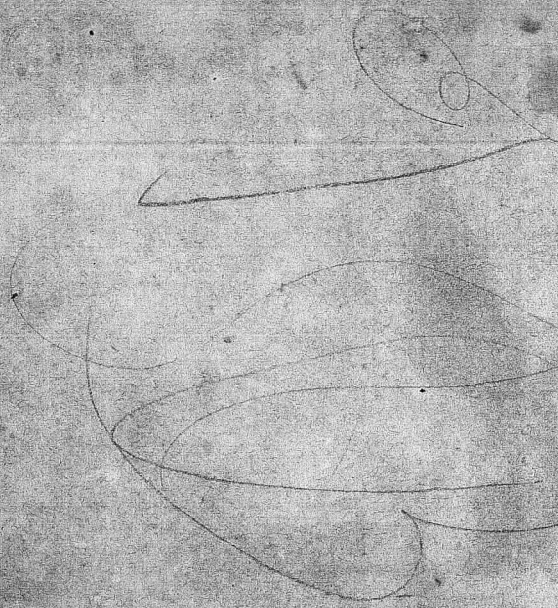


At July
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At M. B. B. B.
This same July
of 27th 1885

James B. B. B.
B. B. B. B. B.
January 4th 1885

M. B. B. B. B.
B. B. B. B. B.

~~James B. B. B.~~
This same July
of 21st 1885

Wm. H. Brund

Was here July 27 1885

J. C. Brund

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J. A. Brund

My Experience,

J. A. Brund
OR

FOOT-PRINTS OF A PRESBYTERIAN

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TO

Spiritualism.

1913
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Oh people can we tell
how dear each loved
one is. Tell me how
longer the deep regret-
the bitter tears, when
those we love are gone
is it not so

1924
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MY EXPERIENCE.

This is the age of progress. Discoveries in Science and the Arts have marked each footstep on the track of time. Man's restless and ever active mind is unwilling to admit any arbitrary limit in its search after the unknown.

From the bowels of the earth he has extracted that with which he has thrown around it iron bands and perfected a rapidity of transit unthought of in the past.

From the ocean he has extracted a vapor, powerful, but easily controlled, that drives the mighty steamship on its surface, gives impetus to the swiftly rolling car, and moves with unerring precision the busy wheels of industry. Even the electric flash he has subdued, and sends it with lightning speed on messages of hope and love.

These are but few of the marvels he has wrought in this teeming age of wonders. Had he been a mere denizen of earth his work had perhaps reached its limit—his mind would not have stretched into the limitless beyond. But earth is not his resting place—he is an ever-living spirit; claiming an eternal existence in a world more pure, more ethereal, more real, more positive than this; and having made the elements subservient to his will; having, when his hand reached forth to grasp the forked lightning, approached the portals of the interior world, he would not be content until he had peered within; until those long closed doors

A gentleman called for the purpose of introducing a friend who was visiting him. Beside this friend, a brother of the gentleman first named was in company with him. The brother was an inveterate skeptic, without the least fellowship with Spiritualism. He called for curiosity, but did not intend to sit for investigation. The spirits, however, required all in the room to sit up to the table. He did so, and in a few minutes the spirit of a brother, who left the form in England at the age of seventeen, addressed him, through the hand of the medium, writing backwards, from right to left, and giving his name. The skeptical brother asked the spirit if he could tell the manner of his death. This was answered in the affirmative; and the hand of the medium was immediately used to make numerical characters, in the following order:

9—23—1—19—19—13—15—20—8—5—18—5—4—
9—14—20—8—5—5—1—18—20—8—4—5—1—18—
2—18—15—20—8—5—18.

What the meaning of these figures could be no one could divine, till they were directed to compare by placing the numerals over the letters of the alphabet, thus:

1—2—3—4—5—6—7—8—9—10—11—12—13—14
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N
15—16—17—18—19—20—21—22—23—24—25—26
O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

This combination of characters, the reader will find by examination, spells:

“I was smothered in the earth, dear brother.”

The fact thus ingeniously and uniquely represented, was, that he and another lad were at play in a sand-hole, the projecting bank of which caved in and suffocated him before he could be extricated. This test, we understand, proved too potent for the skeptical brother's stoicism; and his tears confessed his conviction.

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The case of A. J. Davis, without question, is the most remarkable, the most extraordinary on record; without a parallel, in fact. That a man, in his peculiar circumstances, poor and unassisted, ignorant of even a common school education, with no external advantages, should be capable of writing so voluminously and intelligently upon subjects which the most thoroughly educated and profound acknowledge their weakness; mastering with ease and cleanness the most difficult and abstruse questions in morals and religion; flooding with light and knowledge that which pertains to man's highest welfare, both here and hereafter; revealing and classifying invaluable truths, which have lain buried in ignorance—the wonders and mysteries of interior life; disclosing Nature's divine revelations; enunciating in language, full of simplicity, beauty and power, the highest and holiest doctrines within the range of Christian ethics; elucidating what has heretofore been considered beyond the ken of mortals; given to the world a system of philosophy and religion, the purest, most rational, humane and harmonious, and—(what is, perhaps, better, it always having been the chief difficulty)—illustrating its truth and power, by living in accordance with the principles it inculcates, as did Jesus more than eighteen centuries ago, practically exemplify his religion daily in word and deed. Such an instance as this, in our day, is the highest evidence of the truth of our spiritual theory. Mr. Davis is too much of a fact to be gainsaid or controverted. He is the ablest testimony which Spiritualism has to offer—the most formidable witness Spiritualism can place upon the stand. The result of his life is an overwhelming argument alike to the Greek professor and to the imbecile unbeliever.

Mr. Davis first began to demonstrate the philosophy and unfold the truths of Spiritualism several years, I believe, prior to the famous demonstrations of the Misses Fox, in

W. A. Brand and

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