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BY

FRANCHEZZO.

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Oh, Star of Hope, that shines to bless
The Wanderer through Life's Wilderness!
Angels of Love—say are ye come
To lead the Weary Wanderer home?

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Preface by the Transcriber.

The following narrative was written more than a year ago, and in giving it to the public I do not claim to be its author, since I have only acted the part of an amanuensis and endeavored to write down as truthfully and as carefully as I could, the words given to me by the Spirit Author himself, who is one of several spirits who have desired me to write down for them their experiences in the spirit world.

I have had to write the words as fast as my pen could travel over the paper, and many of the experiences described and opinions advanced are quite contrary to what I myself believed to be in accordance with the conditions of life in the world of spirits.

The Spirit Author Franchezzo I have frequently seen materialized, and he has been recognized on these occasions by friends who knew him in earth life.

Having given the narrative to the public as I received it from the Spirit Author, I must leave with him all responsibility for the opinions expressed and the scenes described.

A. FARNESE.

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Dedication by the Author.

To those who toil still in the mists and darkness of uncertainty which veil the future of their earthly lives, I dedicate this record of the Wanderings of one who has passed from earth life into the hidden mysteries of the Life Beyond, in the hope that through my experiences now given to the world, some may be induced to pause in their downward career and think ere they pass from the mortal life, as I did, with all their unrepented sins thick upon them.

It is to those of my brethren who are treading fast upon the downward path, that I would fain hope to speak, with the power which Truth ever has over those who do not blindly seek to shut it out; for if the after consequences of a life spent in dissipation and selfishness are often terrible even during the earth-life, they are doubly so in the Spirit World, where all disguise is stripped from the soul, and it stands forth in all the naked hideousness of its sins, with the scars of the spiritual disease contracted in its earthly life stamped upon its spirit form—never to be effaced but by the healing power of sincere repentance and the cleansing waters of its own sorrowful tears.

I now ask these dwellers upon earth to believe that if these weary wanderers of the other life can return to warn their brothers yet on earth, they are eager to do so. I would have them to understand that spirits who materialize have a higher mission to perform than even the solacing of those who mourn in deep affliction for the beloved they have lost. I would have them to look and see that now even at the eleventh hour of man's pride and sin,

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these spirit wanderers *are* permitted by the Great Supreme to go back and tell them the fate of all who outrage the laws of God and man. I would have even the idle and frivolous to pause and think whether Spiritualism be not something higher, holier, nobler, than the passing of an idle hour in speculations as to whether there are occult forces which can move a table or rap out the Alphabet, and whether it is not possible that these feeble raps and apparently unmeaning tips and tilts of a table are but the opening doors through which a flood of light is being let in upon the dark places of earth and of the Nether World—faint signs that those who have gone before do now return to earth to warn their brethren.

As a warrior who has fought and conquered I look back upon the scenes of those battles and the toils through which I have passed, and I feel that all has been cheaply won—all has been gained for which I hoped and strove, and I seek now but to point out the Better Way to others who are yet in the storm and stress of battle, that they may use the invaluable time given to them upon earth to enter upon and follow with unfaltering step the Shining Path which shall lead them home to Rest and Peace at last.

FRANCHEZZO.

The Publisher's Preface.

"A Wanderer in the Spirit Lands" is a remarkable book, full of interest throughout. It was written in England by Spirit Franchezzo, through the mediumship of A. Farnese. We obtained Mr. Farnese's permission to republish it in this country, and we take great pleasure in adding it to our list of valuable premiums. This work details minutely the efforts of one who had led a sinful, selfish life on earth, to redeem himself in the Spirit realms. Every Spiritualist should read it. It portrays in vivid language a great moral lesson, and shows the baneful effects of wrong-doing, and the suffering and tribulation that follow. In presenting this book to Spiritualists we feel that we are enabling them to become familiar with those spirits who have led on earth a selfish or licentious life, and whose suffering must be great before they are able to see the light that betokens a happier existence.

The controlling spirit, Franchezzo, has found it exceedingly difficult to describe the spiritual scenes and experiences through which he passed, in the language common to earth; but the reader must bear in mind that the spirit realms are as real to the spirit as anything on earth is to the mortal, hence descriptions in many cases when referring to anything in spirit life, must necessarily be somewhat from a material standpoint. We are sure that this book will be read with deep interest and lasting benefit. It is certainly a very valuable acquisition to our list of premiums.

J. R. FRANCIS.