

The Boy, the Turtle and the Way to do Right.

BY G. B. STEBBINS.

Sixty years ago or more a boy about six years old lived in a farm house...

It is a sad pity that nations have not even yet learned to settle their disputes without bloody fights...

But let us come back to our boy—a wide-awake and cheerful little fellow...

His father was a farmer, and worked hard every day, yet found time to read and think...

This boy's mother had a great deal to do, taking care of the milk making, butter, cooking and seeing to her dear children...

It is a mistake to suppose that people who work with their hands must be rude and ignorant...

Our little boy worked and played both. He went hunting all over the farm for rabbits and flowers...

When he was about ten years old he wanted a Latin dictionary; and how do you think he got it? Did he whine and cry around his father...

He always said that the habit of working he formed under the wise care of his father and mother helped him very much all his life...

But I began by speaking of our boy at about six years old, and did so because I wanted to tell an interesting story...

He liked to work on the farm, and always liked farmers, but was very fond of books and wanted to preach...

At first he preached to a small company of farmers and others, in a neat little meeting house in West Roxbury, near Boston...

Many did not like him, for he did not try to preach what was pleasant and popular...

He taught men and women to be faithful to their idea of right, and to live kindly and truly...

In a year or two he was known as an honest and brave preacher, and was asked to go to Boston...

But he worked and studied too hard, which was not wise, and so grew thin and weak...

kept cheerful in spirit, until that spirit left the form, and the poor, worn out body was buried in the cemetery of Florence, in Italy...

He lived a useful and honored life his goodness kept him cheerful and pleasant, and when he thought of his dear mother, her words seemed like sweet music in his soul...

Organization.

BY H. L. BASH.

I have noticed with some interest, the arguments pro and con. on the subject of Organization of the Spiritualist Brotherhood...

Brother Buchanan, I think, is right. If one hundred of the most progressed should express a belief, this would certainly be a good guide for the less progressed...

Again Bro. T. seems unwilling to have a Christian Spiritualism. We must have either a Christian Spiritualism or an Anti-Christian Spiritualism...

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was attributed the faculty of being raised from the floor to the height of several yards. Of one case of the exhibition of this occult power, the following description is given in a book by Gustave Babes...

This feat of one of the "Ecstasies" of the last century, who were kept by the Grandees of that time pretty much in the manner of the clowns and court-fools of preceding ages...

Baron Hellenbach in recounting the above, only hints at the question whether levitation ought necessarily to be attributed to the interference of spirit power, or may be explained by the occult faculties of what he calls the "meta-organism," corresponding to the spirit-body of our spiritualistic terminology...

Brooklyn, N. Y.

In our public Sunday services, we have pursued the plan of receiving questions from the audience, selecting one for the main lecture and answering the others in brief...

Of fruits she has all known varieties, comprising semi-tropical, tropical and those grown in the temperate zones. She does not, however, have to go from home to find a market for her productions, as she cannot, as yet, supply the demand that meets us here...

The demand for the Santa Clara canned fruits has never yet been met with a full supply, and her dried fruits are exported to all parts of the known world...

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Letter from the Pacific Slope.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

I find records in all the Eastern papers of the incoming of the New Year, amid winter's maddest revels, with old bores as chorister, and the dancing and flying snowflakes as revellers...

The golden crested acacias, sweet scented, purple blue violets, the gracefully pendant fuschias, and delicate orange blossoms eliminated their richest and choicest aromas as sweet incense to welcome the new born year...

The city of San José, from which I write, ranks third in population of the California cities, and is the home of thousands of as highly cultured, as refined and intelligent people as are found in the East...

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tiences. The law of compensation will certainly bring a reward to those who industriously work and patiently wait for the incoming and fulfillment of the hidden promise of the future.

As I write this, the 21st day of January, the sun is shining bright and warm, the grass in the park across the street is eighteen inches high, honey bees and butterflies are flitting from shrub to shrub, children are in the street barefoot, men at work out of doors without coats, beautiful flowers are in richest bloom...

HELEN MAR.

Medical Colleges.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

In your JOURNAL for Feb. 13th, I notice that Mrs. Poole has this paragraph: "For the first time in history two women have been elected as delegates to a State Medical Society. This happened at Philadelphia."

It is apparent that she had in mind only societies where the members have an Attidian initiation, call themselves regular and are blatant about ethics. A little familiarity with medical societies that do not pretend to do much, but are morally, intellectually and scientifically their equals, would have taught her that the distinctions of sex have been set aside for years...

I am very sorry that it is true that women physicians and others, of "regular" Bourbon proclivities, overlook radicals and radical institutions. We have no worse adversaries than such. If I break a lance for woman's rights, etc., ten to one I find that woman an inveterate opponent to every medical enterprise in which I have a part...

You will permit me to state that the third annual commencement of the U. S. Medical College will be held at Steinway Hall, New York, March 2nd, 1881. I hope all your friends will be there, even if we have to adjourn to some more commodious place...

The lectures on Psychological Science and Magnetism, three a week, from September last till March 1st, have always been well attended, and by very intellectual, intelligent and appreciative auditors. I have not much to say for the lecturer, except that he tried fairly to state what was capable of being substantiated, whether *noumenal* or phenomenal, and to keep clear of clap-trap, assumption, vague day-dreamings, and humbug generally...

It is a significant parallel fact that there is a re-kindling interest in animal magnetism. Prof. Gunn has made some very significant as well as successful experiments; and the two Siamese, Dra. Beard and Hammond, who would be the "Sir Oracles" in all psycho-physic, are up in arms to show that there is nothing in it. I wonder whether the planetary perihelia amount to much beyond subjective imagination...

Concerning Dreams and Dreamers.

The night Mr. T. C. Fox, of Thomaston, was burned to death in his store his wife dreamed that two men were trying to murder her husband. She got up and asked the cook to go up town and get him to come home, but the cook neglected or refused to go. Mrs. Fox lay down across the bed again and had about the same dream. She got up and went to the door and found her husband's store on fire, and strange to say, he was burned with it. Mr. W. L. Adams, who died in the city a few weeks ago, had a dream some months before that he and Mrs. J. F. Taylor, his daughter, would die within one week of each other. Mrs. Taylor died on Wednesday at 8 o'clock P. M., and the next Wednesday morning, at 1 o'clock A. M. Adams died, which was 14 hours less than one week.

Freedom and slavery are merely names of virtue and vice; and both these are matters of will. But neither of them belongs to things in which will has no share. But fortune is accustomed to dispose at her pleasure of the body, and those things relating to the body, in which will has no share. For no one is a slave whose will is free. Fortune is an evil chain to the body, and vice to the soul. For he whose body is unbound and whose soul is chained is a slave. On the contrary, he whose body is chained, and his soul unbound, is free.

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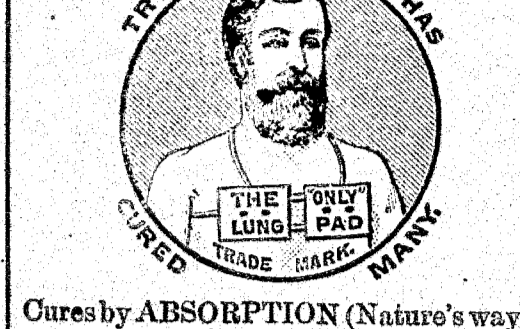
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