

Voices from the People.

AND INFORMATION ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS.

Misunderstandings.

BY LETA BARNAY SAYLES.

My love and I together slept While silence brooded o'er the land...

The east grows radiant with the dawn; She, starting, opened those eyes of blue...

Let in the light of day, O friend, To thy friends heart, estranged and sore...

The Better Land.

I know not where that city lies Its Jasper walls in air...

I cannot see the waving hands Upon that farther shore...

But dimmed and blinded earthly eyes, Washed clean by monarch tears...

-L. M. Latimer.

No Property in Thought.

What assurance can one have, as a savant, that the dawn of his discovery is not, at the self-same moment, shining in at another's window...

Infidelity, Politics and Slander.

They say I was defeated for Governor of Illinois because I was an infidel, and that I am an infidel because I was defeated.

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Experiences.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

I have often heard my mother speak of a friend who during the years of 1848-49, resided in the little town of Smithland, Ky.

I am persecuted almost beyond endurance on account of my belief, and at one time came very near getting into serious trouble...

The "Two Queries."

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

THE TWO QUERIES. In your issue of Sept. 2nd, from Hon. J. M. Peckles, are deep, and unanswerable with proof.

1. Did the divine innermost in man, the soul, as a conscious entity, have a beginning?

2. Is this human soul that aspires after immortality the result of an unconscious process...

I have been told by some Spiritualists (Judge Carter, and Theosophists among them) that they believe our world is inhabited by the essence of all souls...

These physical and metaphysical puzzles will probably never be simplified in the absence of experience and memory...

My own spirit relatives and friends, in some of their conversations, seem conscious of pre-existence...

Superstition in a Connecticut Town.

The arm which Homer Bronson lost at his shop Aug. 7 was carefully buried in his father's garden...

Please Explain.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

Please explain whether in the claim made by John Farmer and other Christian Spiritualists...

We refer the inquiry to our respected and able English friend for reply.

L. B. Kline writes: I love the JOURNAL, because it exposes fraud and advocates true philosophy.

Camp Meetings—Circus, Menagerie, or What?

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

In a letter from Cassadaga Camp Meeting, over the signature of "T. L.", to the Banner of a recent date, appears this remarkable statement...

Instance of Prevision and Spirit Visitation.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

The following reminiscence of occurrences about 1844 are new to me, but may be to many of your readers...

It is related of Jacob Lindly, a noted preacher in the Society of Friends, with whose former place of residence in Chester Co., Pa. we were well acquainted...

"He (Jacob Lindly) died on the first day of the week. In the morning he preached a most earnest and impressive sermon..."

The sequel to this account we extract from The Friend of 1848, a weekly journal still published in Philadelphia...

"On the afternoon of the 12th day of the sixth month, 1844 (the same day that Jacob Lindly met his death) whilst at home at Burlington, Sarah Dillwyn observed her husband sitting with such a peculiar and awful (?) expression of countenance...

"The compiler for The Friend goes on to pen the significant remark: This anecdote which seems to demonstrate the reality of spiritual intercourse...

"As for those ways of wether railroads nor telegraphs, and Burlington fifty miles from Lincolnton his death was normally unknown to Dillwyn."

Mrs. A. P. Brown, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., writes: I received your kind invitation to subscribe for your paper, and also to furnish letters therefor...

G. W. Levston, of Altamonte, Fla., writes: The JOURNAL is a most interesting and valuable instrument of fraud heralding and imposture...

Laura Warner writes: I like to read a paper I feel to be reliable, and it seems to me I find more truth in the JOURNAL than in any other.

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To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

In a previous article I spoke of my father's death. About half an hour after he ceased breathing, I was left alone in the room for a short time, and he was then left in my arms...

I attended the funeral of my relative, Alsera Whitney, and having several miles to go I went directly to the school house where the service was held...

Years ago I used to be exercised over many theological questions which I could not reconcile with facts as I saw them among these things...

Difference of Opinion.—One Hundred Dollars offered for a Communication in a Sealed Slate.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

It is but just to say that I am pleased with the general character of your JOURNAL, and with your evident intent to expose fraud and to advocate only substantiated truths...

I beg to remind you that my offer of \$100.00 to "Slide or any other medium" for a written communication in sealed slates, is still open...

Can this Life be All.

It is pleasant, in after years and distant places, to call back to memory the scenes of our childhood, the scenes of past joys and sorrows...

Wm. P. Lippincott writes: I extend to you the right hand of fellowship in your exposure of frauds in Spiritualism...

Mrs. E. Chapman writes: I do refer to see in my late journal that you have again exposed one of the villains that make us blush to be called Spiritualists.

T. Broughart writes: I like the JOURNAL and will support it as long as it will talk truth to its readers.

J. H. Harter writes in remitting for new subscribers: bright and clear, "When the mists have rolled away."

The time to begin to study the philosophy of a future life, is the present, for every act leaves an influence...

To teach woman to claim what is her inalienable birthright is the first great step towards lifting the whole human race upon a higher plane...

What the world stands most in need of at present, is the philosophy of Spiritualism.

There are some men who have a way of looking very wise when asked to consider the subject of Spiritualism...

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Science and Art.

The contract for supplying steel for the new bridge over the Frith of Forth, Scotland, calls for 45,000 tons. This is called one of the largest orders for steel for bridge building.

The authorities of Leadville, Colorado, have introduced the practice of embalming the bodies brought to the city morgue. The object, of course, is to facilitate the identification of the unknown dead, should inquiries concerning them be made within a year or two.

A threatening field fire which had been fought by a large part of the population of South Lewiston, Maine, without staying it, was subdued by a steam fire engine sent down from Lewiston. Three thousand feet of hose was used, water being taken from a brook. By saturating the mossy ground, the fire was speedily stopped, though a large timbering had been burned over.

The Gazette Maritime et Commercial, in its news regarding ocean disasters, relates the following curious example of the formidable power of molecular forces. The Italian ship Francesca, loaded with rice, put into port on May 11, at East London, leaking considerably. A large force of men was at once put on board to pump out the water contained in the ship and to unload her; but, in spite of all the activity exerted, the bags of rice soaked in water gradually, and swelled up. Two days afterward, on May 13, the ship was violently burst asunder by this swelling of her cargo.—La Nature.

The International Electrical Congress held in Paris decided to make use of the centimeter, gramme and second in all electrical measurements. They will retain the practical units, "ohm" for resistance, and "volt" for electromotive force. The intensity of a current produced by one volt, with a resistance of one ohm, will be called a "ampere"; and the quantity of electricity given by one ampere in one second will be called a "coulomb," the term "farad" indicates the capacity of the condenser which, laden with a volt, holds one coulomb of electricity. The old term "weber," as unit of intensity of current, will not be used.

Dr. I. E. Nagle, of Vicksburg, Miss., suggests the use of uncovered electric lights for killing the moths, *Aletia*, from whose eggs the destructive cotton worm is hatched. He believes that a few lamps properly placed would attract and destroy the moths, so as to protect a wide belt of cotton country. The plan would be well worth trying wherever electric lamps are in use. In some parts of the South planters have found that brush fires or burning rubbish will attract the moths in swarms; and every female moth promptly killed prevents the birth of many worms. Whether electric lamps would prove more efficient or economical, only trial can determine.

The thirty inch objective for the great telescope of the Russian Observatory at Pulkova was lately tested at the establishment of the grinders, the Clarks, of Cambridgeport, Mass., and found to be fairly perfect. The flaw discovered before the grinding, due to imperfect cooling, has no effect on the definition, but lessens slightly the amount of light transmitted. The flaw is too slight to injure materially the efficiency of the lens, yet another block of glass, of the same size, has been ordered to be placed at the disposal of Professor Struve. For testing, the lens is mounted in a temporary telescope, forty-five feet long, and weighing, with its fittings, about seven tons. The lens weighs 450 pounds, will cost when finished \$60,000, and will be for a little while the largest in the world. The largest object-glass in use is the 20-inch lens at Washington, with a focal length of 35 feet. Its light-gathering power is 10,000 times that of the unaided eye. The Pulkova glass will soon be excelled by that of the Lick telescope, the disk of glass for which is now in the establishment of the Clarks. It is 38 inches in diameter and 2 inches thick. When ground and polished it will be reduced to 36 inches. This glass is optically perfect. It was cast at Paris, France, where the Pulkova glass was, and weighs a little over 374 pounds. The casting occupied four days and the cooling thirty days.

Sir John Lubbock's extraordinary book on "Ants, Bees, and Wasps" will amaze readers. Fancy ants having slaves! Fancy these proverbial examples to the sluggish keeping sheds over them, and keeping others as pets! The aristocracy of ants seem to have all the vices which brought antique monarchies to destruction. Sir John writes soberly, as a philosopher should, and weighs his words no doubt, which makes his conclusions the more astonishing. The author quotes some of Huber's experiments, the value of which he has himself tested. The bloated ant aristocrats, it is said, "have lost the greater part of their instincts; their art, that is, the power of building; their domestic habits, for they show no care for their young, all this being done by the slaves; their industry, for they take no part in providing the daily supplies; if the colony changes the situation of its nest, the masters are all carried by the slaves on their backs to the new one; nay, they have even lost the habit of feeding. Huber placed thirty of them with some larvae and pupae and a supply of honey in a box. At first, he says, they appeared to pay some little attention to the larvae; they carried them here and there, but presently replaced them. More than one-half of the Amazons died of hunger in less than two days. They had not even traced out a dwelling; and the few ants still in existence were languid and without strength. I commiserated their condition, and gave them one of their black companions. This individual, unassisted, established order, formed a chamber in the earth, gathered together the larvae, extricated several young ants that were ready to quit the condition of pupae, and preserve the life of the remaining Amazons." This observation has been fully confirmed by other naturalists. However small the prison, however large the quantity of food, these stupid creatures will starve in the midst of plenty rather than feed themselves. I have however, kept isolated specimens for three months by giving them a slave for an hour or two a day to clean and feed them; under these circumstances they remained in perfect health, while, but for the slaves, they would have perished in two or three days.

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