

Brooklyn Spiritual Fraternity.

Comparatively a small audience assembled to hear Hon. W. C. C. lecture on "Humanity's Search for God and a Future Life." The lecturer is one of our most profound thinkers...

Men's thoughts clustered around the prophetic utterances; because they were human; they felt divine; they believed.

Christians and Mohammedans both accept the Old Testament, and each numbers its adherents by hundreds of millions.

Of all forms of religion the Christian has played the most prominent part in the elevation of the race; it has been most beneficial to mankind.

Mr. W. C. Bowen did not know but that he stood in the assembly as a specimen of total depravity, because of his agnosticism; but he did not feel deprived.

Mr. Albert Smith quoted, "Canst thou by searching find out God?" and alluded to Paul's sermon on Mars Hill, and the "unknown God" he proclaimed.

Mr. D. M. Cole closed the discussion, and a very interesting session ended with the announcement by the President, of Mr. Albert Smith's lecture next Friday evening.

Brooklyn, Oct. 27, 1883. D. M. COLE.

Letter from Mexico.

DURANGO, Mexico, Oct. 5th, 1883.

This is one of the largest States of Mexico, and lying in the interior, it shows more accurately what Mexico is, where unincumbered by the immigration from the United States...

There is nothing in the future for this ignorant and mentally weak class of people but extermination. Their habits alone will produce this result, though they be fully eight-tenths of the whole population of this country.

The Mexican Central Railroad has in many instances secured from a single individual the "right of way" for more than fifty miles (and it might not be far wrong to say an hundred miles) over the richest and most valuable land in the country.

Time will surely correct this condition of things, but the method by which it is to be accomplished is not now apparent.

The city of Durango contains many fine buildings, as such things go in this country. Its principal business is done by two European houses which have branches at most important points in the State, and of course are very rich.

Any person unaccustomed to the habits of the Latin race cannot imagine so detestable a situation as Villa Lerdo presents to the stranger. Here, too, the Americans are depleted in number on an average of one per day, twelve bodies having been found within the past two weeks killed by Mexicans.

A low vicious Mexican is equally brutal with any Indian who ever stepped in a moccasin without a single redeeming feature.

When an American dare not step outside the door after dark in a place of 5,000 inhabitants, claiming to be governed by law, claiming to have an efficient police force...

Time is the most precious of all possessions, but least thought of.

Passing Notes—Reminiscences.

Not many stirring events take place here in the City of Brotherly Love, because we are not a rushing, changing people like some of our neighbors...

The Pennsylvania University has a good deal more at stake than Spiritualists or Spiritualism in this matter; for the dignitaries there are under a moral as well as legal obligation to perform a certain work which they are little calculated for.

The departure of our friend and brother, Isaac Rhen, for the other and brighter shore, takes another prominent figure from the old pioneers of Spiritualism in the Keystone State.

It was announced by the orthodox papers of the day that "a giant was in the field against the pestilential heresy, Spiritualism," and all sorts of dire things were predicted of this new "giant" by the managers.

When the tide of the free-love heresy first began to roll its dark waves over the spiritual waters under the influence of such minds as Stephen Pearl Andrews, the Nicholoses and others in the early times, and the Woodhulls, Moses Hulls and others of a later period, Philadelphia Spiritualists were comparatively but little affected.

The First Association is being entertained and instructed by Mr. O. P. Kellogg, one of the best speakers on the spiritual rostrum. He followed Mrs. A. H. Colby, who made herself objectionable by flouting her materialistic and Communistic notions from the platform.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 20th.

Woman as a Statesman.

Wendell Phillips, in his powerful address entitled, "Freedom for Women," pays this glowing tribute to the statesmanship of woman: "Deny statesmanship to woman! What! to the sisters of Elizabeth of England, Isabella of Spain, Maria Theresa of Austria; aye, let me add of Elizabeth Heyrick, who, when the intellect of all England was at fault and wandering in the desert of a false philosophy, when Brougham and Romilly, Clarkson and Wilberforce, and all the other great and philanthropic minds of England were at fault and at a deadlock with the West India question and negro slavery, with the statesman-like intellect of a Quaker woman wrote out the simple yet potent charm, 'Immediate, unconditional emancipation, which solved the problem and gave freedom to a race.'"

Labor and Capital.

Extract from Mrs. Bristol's Paper.

Mrs. Augusta Cooper Bristol, of Vineland, N. J., is a woman who should be more widely known among Spiritualists. Her appearance at the close of the Women's Congress, lately held in this city, was the most brilliant feature of the entire session; she came upon the platform at nine o'clock in the evening of the last session, when audience and members were tired out and anxious to go home, a most unpropitious time indeed; but within five minutes the soul of the woman, shining through her face and vivifying the words as they came forth in perfectly modulated tones, completely captured her listeners, who at once forgot all but the noble soul who stood enmeshed before them giving utterance to her best thought.

Perhaps no institution so successfully illustrates the harmonious association of the forces that produce and distribute wealth as the equitable association of labor and capital founded by M. Gadin at Guise, in France. In the summer of 1881 it was my good fortune to remain six weeks in this institution as a guest, thus securing the best opportunity possible for studying the results of the system there adopted.

The purpose of the association at Guise is to establish a community of interests among its members by means of the participation of both capital and labor in the profits, according to certain conditions prescribed in the statutes of the association. The founder contributed the original capital stock of nearly a million dollars. About fifteen hundred workmen are employed in the iron foundries. The dividend coming to a workman from the net profit of the institution is a certain per cent. annually upon the wages he has received.

The redemption of stock, which occurs at the annual dividend of profits, the shares of the founder are the first to be retired by the substitution of the workmen's share of the savings. This is to secure the successive transmission of the capital stock through the hands of the operators, and to retain the power over the common work in the hands of those who carry it on.

The first is to serve the aged workmen of the institution who have become incapable of labor, the sum accorded to each pensioner being determined primarily by his years of service in the institution. Indemnity also is accorded for any accident in the workshop which incapacitates the individual for labor, while the minimum of subsistence is assured for each family, whenever the resources of the family do not attain this minimum.

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To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: I have been greatly interested in the Colby-Wolfe discussion. The only point of interest to Spiritualists in that discussion is the extent of responsibility of the medium in its utterances.

Spiritualism in Troy, N. Y.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: The Spiritualists of Troy are elated. They have had a "spiritual" through Troy is a rather poor market for revivals of any sort...

Plain Talk from St. Paul.

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Moon Baths.

BY THOS. HARDING.

I have read considerable about "moon baths," "air baths," "earth baths," and several other baths; but I don't think I ever read a line on "moon baths"...

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BY T. O. T. E.

The friends of Spiritualism oftentimes disagree as to whether it shall be called a religion or a science...

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To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: About one year ago my youngest daughter and myself had taken possession of our house in Saratoga...

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To Julia Ward Howe.

BY SUELLA BREWER.

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How full of earnest work thy many years;

Fair is thy fame, fairer thy womanhood—
Embracing all, the truly great and good;

For thou "hast builded" altogether fair?
With "measures just," with every tender care,

Poet and priestess of both word and pen,
Thy gifted words shall cheer and cheer again

Within the heart a wish to do and be,
Worthy to follow whither led by thee.

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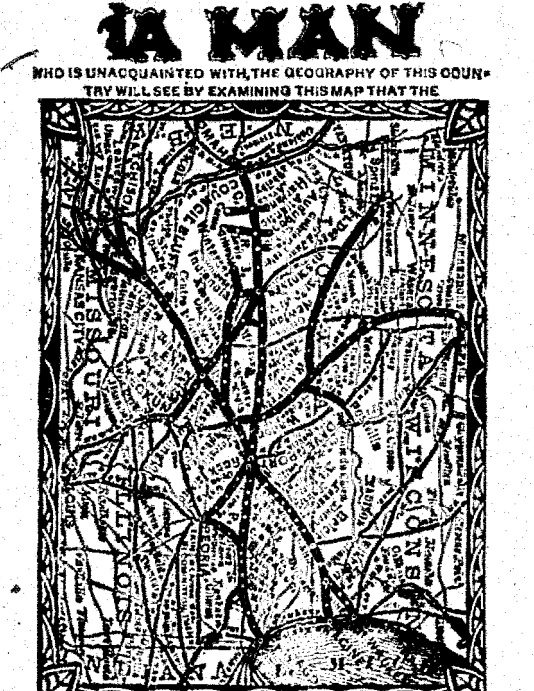
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