

Woman and the Household.

BY HESTER M. POOLE. (Metuchen, New Jersey.)

WE MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

We might have been—these are but common words, And yet they make the sum of life's bewailing; They are the echo of those finer chords Whose music we deplore, when unavailing.

Life knoweth no like misery; the rest Are single sorrows; but in this are blended All sweet emotions that disturb the rest; The light that once was loveliest is canted. We might have been!

—L. E. LONDON.

THE NEW ENGLAND MANUFACTURERS' and MECHANICS' INSTITUTE have invited the Women of New England to make an exhibition of their industries at the fair which opens in Boston, September 5th, and a wonderful response has been given. The writer met the business manager and chairman, Mrs. Henrietta L. T. Wolcott, at her office in the parlors of the Woman's Club, and learned something of the magnitude of the work involved.

sympathies had been called out during the war when, as a hospital nurse she had traveled thousands of miles, following ambulances and organizing hospitals, and the Fair was really the work of her active brain.

MRS. JOHN T. SARGENT is another of the representative women of the Commonwealth. The only book she has written is "Sketches and Reminiscences of the Radical Club," an association of which she knows more than any one else, since she was its originator and has been its moving spirit. A friend says: "Mrs. Sargent, a clear woman who never joined in the talk but had the knack of bringing together the right people and making them speak at the right time. For thirteen years these meetings were held at No. 13 and No. 17 Chestnut street.

The above are not a tithe of the foremost women of Boston, but they afford a hint of what modern life exemplifies in the chief city in the East.

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"Home Circles," yes, go to work at home. Let him that desireth resurrection, first begin to resurrect himself, is a beautiful text from Oshes, from a book containing more valuable information upon the greatest of all subjects—our true relations to the invisible world and all things else, than all we have heretofore received.

"My dear," said Mrs. Channing to him once, "how are we to know our friends in heaven?" "By their looks, to be sure," he answered. "Have you never seen the soul?"

Lucy Stone, senior editor, is a handsome, portly woman of sixty years, with a face full of energy, character, ability and sweetness. Her voice is like a flute and can be heard at a great distance, and she is an admirable off-hand speaker.

another editor, who is connected with the paper chiefly as correspondent, lives happily and comfortably at Malden, Mass. Mrs. Livermore first found vent for her splendid capacities as assistant editor on the journal of which her husband, a Universalist clergyman, was proprietor.

A Little Quieter, If You Please.

A very interesting case is now before the Brooklyn courts in connection with Captain Henry Stillwell, of the Salvation Army, touching the question as to how much noise people may be allowed to make in their so-called religious services.

It has long been considered an invasion of human rights for religious enthusiasts to do their loud proclamings in the streets. But in the Brooklyn case Captain Stillwell and his assistants were enjoying their religious noises in the Brooklyn Lyceum.

It seems paradoxical that letter postage is to be cut down by a cent, but the public think this kind of legislation is decent.

Magazines for September not Before Mentioned.

WIDE AWAKE. (D. Lothrop & Co., Boston, Mass.) Contents: Frontispiece, Little Mer-Folk; Nothing but Toadstools; Henry's Disappearance; A Summer Noon Soliloquy; "Once Upon a Time"; Some Educated Horses; Cæcilie John; A Pink Parasol; One Summer Day; Baby's Business Experience; A Letter to the Rats; Through Spain on Donkey-Back; Baby's Letter; Ned's Discovery; Bittered Crusts; The John Spicer Lectures; To a Skylark; On Indiana Roads; Two Moons; Decorative Plaque; Short Stories from the Dictionary; More than they Bargained for; Sharing; Cookery for Beginners; Tangles; Pleasant Authors for Young Folks; Through a Microscope; Famous Trials; A Boy's Workshop; Anna Maria's House-keeping; Days and Nights in the Tropics; What to do about it; C. V. F. R. U.; Post Office Department.

ST. NICHOLAS. (The Century Co., New York, Contents: Frontispiece; Little Pyramids and Thisbe; The Rosy Sail; Halcyon Days and Halcyon Ways; "Oh, My Eye"; The Tinkling Brothers Tide-Mill; The Squash Cake; Bora; The Boy and the Tooth; Tom, Dick, and Harry in Florida; Recollections of a Hummer; Boy; Perseverance; Sweet Away; A Rural Quartette; Counting Up and Down; King Philip—Chief of a School Tribe; The Ship in the Moon; Ways and Means; A Funny Chicken; Lost in the Woods; Loveliness; Under the Apple Tree; Captain Kidd's Treasure; Work and Play for Young Folk; For Very Little Folk; Jack-in-the-Pulpit; The Letter-Box; The Agassiz Association; The Riddle-Box.

THE PIRENOLOGICAL JOURNAL. (Fowler & Wells, New York.) Contents: An Illinois Pioneer and his Associates; The Training and Character of Horses; The True Basis for the Science of Mind and the Study of Character; The Parliament of the Faculties; Political Economy; The Kepples Head; Whims of Celebrated Men; Women's Wrights; Commus; A Mask; The Blues; Cause and Cure; Light vs. Darkness; The Genesis of Alcohol; My Sick Days; Notes on Science, etc., etc.; Editorial Hints; Answers to Correspondents; Personal.

THE HERALD OF HEALTH. (M. L. Holbrook, M. D., New York.) Contents: The Salt of our Food; A Glance of Europe; A Century Old; The Habits of George Bancroft; In the Rain; Decay of New England Stock; The Cholera; Age of a French Woman; Studies in Hygiene for Women; Answers to Questions, etc.

BABYLAND. (D. Lothrop & Co., Boston.) A magazine for the youngest readers with pretty illustrations. A good medicinal tonic, with real merit, is Brown's Iron Bitters.

ESSEX COUNTY, VA.—Mr. James R. Micon, clerk, says: "I have used Brown's Iron Bitters and found it valuable for the purposes which it claims."

WARRENTON, N. C.—Rev. J. E. C. Barham says: "I used Brown's Iron Bitters. It is a complete restorative, tonic and appetizer."

President Grevy's salary is about a quarter of a million francs a year, but he manages to get along by having the washing done at home, and other little economies in the household.

Ayer's Ague Cure is the only remedy known, which is certain to cure Fever and Ague permanently, by expelling the malarial poison which produces the disease.

The swift hound in hunting may not be the best on the scent, but when he sees a rabbit he is "right to a hair."

Any pimply, rough, dry, scaly skin disease vanishes on use of Dr. Benson's Skin Cure. Unrivaled.

TWELVE HOURS AFTER.

Mr. HENRY BARNE, the Tea and Coffee Merchant, 50 Boston Street, New Haven, Conn., writes on May 10, 1883: "It is with feelings of gratitude, and a desire to benefit my fellow-man that I write you these few lines in testimony to the value of the greatest of all medicines, Eight years have I been a sufferer from kidney disorders and inflammation of the bladder. Some times when passing water the pains were something terrible, a scalding, burning sensation, with retention of urine, with sharp pains in my side, loins, feet, back, extending clear to the back of my head, tending to make life miserable. I have been treated by a number of our best physicians, and have used any number of proprietary medicines, all to no avail, obtaining no relief."

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What it has done for me I am positive it will do for others. You are at liberty to use my name in this letter in any manner you see fit.

HURT BY A FALL.

When only a boy some thirteen years old I was hurt quite badly by a fall, and severely injured my back and kidneys, and was doctored by our best physicians, and tried many remedies, and they all failed until Henry's Remedy was recommended to me by friends that had used it here in Manchester with the greatest success. We purchased a bottle from Z. Foster Campbell's drug store, and found that I improved very rapidly; was relieved of the pains in back, and after using several bottles found that I was completely cured, and I cannot over-estimate the good Henry's Remedy has done me, and can most heartily recommend it to those troubled with kidney complaints, and for use in all cases of your choice.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The last words to our readers were from Camp; a later letter should have been sent off for last week's paper, but work of more lasting importance absorbed every moment of time during the closing days at Lake Pleasant, and much that would have proved of interest to our readers must go unrecorded.

On Tuesday evening, Aug. 21st., Dr. Joseph Beals, the worthy President of the N. E. S. Camp Meeting Association, was invited to step over to the cottage of Mr. A. T. Pierce, where he was met by Mrs. Pierce and other friends in the parlor.

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its value as a mark of love and esteem, and not by the gold standard. Dr. Beals was greatly overcome and with difficulty controlled himself to reply; after a few words of grateful acknowledgment, his voice trembled and with tears rolling down his cheeks he sat down.

On Sunday morning, the 26th, Mrs. Maud Lord gave a complimentary sance to the writer and his wife and a number of other old friends. A happy hour was the result and many fine evidences of spirit presence were had.

Mrs. C. M. Johnston of Troy, Ohio, has made a record during the month, both as a medium and a woman of sterling worth, of which her friends may well be proud.

Mrs. Flavia A. Thrall of Poquonock, Conn., is a lady whom all good people must respect. She is a fine clairvoyant physician and medium; would that all mediums possessed her clear moral sense and strength of character.

Among the large number of new and valued acquaintances made at the Camp we reckon Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds of Troy, N. Y. Mrs. Reynolds has fine medial powers which she utilizes for the benefit of her friends without price; she is doing good work.

Early in the summer, arrangements were made to spend a month along the line of the Northern Pacific Railroad. A complete change of scene seemed essential both to the editor and his wife, who as private secretary and housekeeper had done a hard year's work.

It is now mid-day; this afternoon we leave for Burlington, where friend Bingham has already telegraphed a request to the Van Ness House to take good care of us.

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WORDS ON THE WING—RAIL AND STEAMER. Burlington, Vermont, is a city for which nature has done all that any reasonable man could have asked, had he been consulted in advance.

Lake Champlain and rising by a series of terrace-like hills fringed with grand old elms and checkerboard with beautiful residences and tastefully laid out lawns, it affords a striking illustration of what nature and art combined may do to make this world beautiful.

Friday the 31st, in company with our guardian angel and a small supply of hay fever, we steamed down Lake Champlain to Fort Ticonderoga, whose ruins stand sturdily on the hill, then railroaded across to Lake George, and spent the afternoon of a perfect day in sailing down this gem of all the waters we have ever seen.

The world is full of incongruities and strange phenomena; what diverse effects follow a single cause. Here we are seated in one of Saratoga's numerous hotels with the strains of a brass band floating in at the window, mingled with the noise and bustle of this Great American Spa.

One of the modes adopted by Stuart C. Cumberland of England, who is now successfully practicing "mind reading" in New York City and vicinity, is to wind and fasten one end of a piano forte string to his wrist and attach the other extremity of the cord in a similar manner to the wrist of the person whose thoughts he proposes to read.

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of Northern Vermont and a scope of country tributary to Burlington, and also attract transient visitors from other camps. Another year we hope to spend several days at this superior summer resort, and get better acquainted with the good people to whom this camp is of special interest.

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GENERAL NOTES.

Notices of Meetings, movements of Lecturers and Mediums, and other items of interest, for this column are solicited, but as the paper goes to press Tuesday A. M., such notices must reach this office on Monday.

Mrs. S. Dick will occupy the rostrum at Chelsea, Mass., Sept. 9th and 16th.

The Clinton, Mass., Spiritualist Association will resume its meetings on the first Sunday in September.

Charles Stuart Wells lectured in Frohisher's Hall, No. 23 East 14th street, New York City, on Sunday evening, Sept. 2.

A judge over in Canada decided the other day that a man had a right to whip his wife if she needed it.

Mrs. Dr. L. E. H. Jackson, located in Bartonville, Vt., would like to make engagements. Address her in care of Mrs. Emory, Bartonville.

A European scientific journal is trying to start a controversy by pointing out that if the whale swallowed Jonah in the Mediterranean and threw him out again near Nineveh, he must have been carried through the Straits of Gibraltar, around the Cape of Good Hope, up the Persian Gulf, and into the Tigris.

The business meeting of the Free Thinker's Association, N. Y., elected the following officers: President, Dr. T. L. Brown, Binghamton; Treasurer, William S. Bell, Boston; Recording Secretary, A. B. Stebbins, Canisteo, Steuben county; Corresponding Secretary, H. L. Green, Salamanca. Samuel P. Putnam, New York City, was chosen chairman of the executive committee.

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Lena Johnson, 58 East Division Street, this city, talked religion while undergoing an examination as to her sanity before Judge Prendergast. Prayer-meeting was her mania, and at all times of the night she would slip out of her home and hold open-air meetings on the pavement.

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Mrs. E. L. Watson is engaged to lecture at Metropolitan Temple, San Francisco, Cal., for the winter. The lectures commenced Sept. 2nd.

A. B. French lectured last Sunday at South Bend, Ind., to an audience of 2,000. Sept. 9th he lectures at Clyde, Ohio, the 16th at West Grove, Ind., and on the 23rd at Plainville, Mich. Last Monday he visited Chicago.

Capt. H. H. Brown is at Lake Sunapee camp from Sept. 1st to 10th; will be at Stowe, Vt., Sept. 15th and 16th; Morrisville, Vt., Sept. 17th, and at the annual convention of the State Association at Montpelier, Vt., Sept., 21st, 22nd and 23rd. Address him at his appointments, or at 512 Quiney St., Brooklyn, New York.

Cardinal Howard is hardly a success as a Vatican diplomatist. He has failed to win any concessions from Bismarck. His diplomacy with regard to Ireland, too, was a failure. It increased the Parnell fund, and there has been a marked falling off in the Irish Peter's pence in consequence.

Mrs. Smith writes: "Sunday's Spirit Communion Meeting at West End Opera House, conducted by Mrs. S. E. Bromwell of 435 W. Madison St., still increases in interest as well as numbers. Short addresses were made by Mrs. Bromwell, Dr. Swarts, Mr. Avery, Mrs. Simpson, Dr. Kimbell, Mr. James and others. Good music in attendance. And so the good work goes on. Come one and all and join us."

Work has been commenced in the building of a new and improved crematory at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. The furnace will be constructed of iron and firebrick. The crematory chamber in which the body is placed will be six feet six inches in length in the clear, and two feet high by three feet in width.

Several months ago 1,300 copies of a little reading book, including also lessons in arithmetic, were sent from London to Barcelona for use in protestant schools.

When a cargo of oranges was washed ashore on the coast of Delting, one of the Shetland Islands, the natives boiled them as a new kind of potatoes. A monster lobster in the London Fisheries Exhibition was sent over from America. It measures three feet in length, and one of its claws weighs eight pounds, the total weight being about twenty-eight.

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Some old teapots, which, by all accounts, came over in the "Mayflower" will have to be consigned to less distinguished craft, since Mr. Davis has found that no article of china nor of porcelain was on a Pilgrim inventory previous to 1660.

The banana has long been regarded as extremely nutritious. It is recommended above all others for invalids who are unable to swallow harder food. An estimate by Humboldt claims that forty-four thousand pounds of bananas can be produced on the soil that would be required for one thousand pounds of potatoes, and that the same area that would be required to raise wheat enough for one man would produce enough bananas to feed twenty-five men.

It is said that Schiller inspired his muse by the smell of rotten apples, which he kept constantly in his desk; he liked to live amid surroundings corresponding to the subject upon which he worked. When he wrote the last act to "Mary Stuart" he had his servants clothed in black; and so long as he worked on "Wallenstein" he neglected no review or other military spectacle, and at home his wife must sing battle-pieces to him.

More than twenty years ago, Honnessy called attention to the superiority of water for the absorption of heat derived from the sun. His conclusions have gradually commanded increasing support. Mr. W. Henel, in a recent publication, has maintained that the difference in temperature between the northern and southern hemispheres is very slight; and the southern hemisphere, which has the larger mass of water, has the higher temperature of the two.

"There is no more powerful apparatus for the conveyance of disease than a book," says the London Lancet—a discovery which the Pall Mall Gazette thinks will be immensely popular with school-boys and the opponents of free libraries. A list of the maladies most easily conveyed by means of books is given as follows: "Measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria, sore throat, whooping-cough, bronchitis, and perhaps ptisis." The germs of the disease "may lie for weeks, months, or perhaps years, between the pages of a bound book, to be dislodged at some unpropitious moment when the volume chances to be handled by a susceptible person."

Voices from the People, AND INFORMATION ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS.

For the Religio-Philosophical Journal "When the Angel Beckons Me Away."

BY O. W. BARNARD.

The fear of death in the ages past, Its darkened shadow o'er man did cast— He dwelt in the realm of constant fear...

The fear of the "Monster," grim and bold, Was the bane of life to young and old— He robbed the mother of her prattling child...

Through it he passed to a world of woe— A fathomless pit in the realms below— For it was not his, this "brighter day"...

The fear of death is now fading fast, Its darkened shadow is gone at last— Man does not think of the fearful life...

Will meet again when this life is o'er, In the realms of bliss on the "shining shore" To those regions bright we all may go...

A GIANT SKELETON.

Discovery on a Farm in Indiana of the Bones of a Man of Gigantic Stature.

SHIRAZVILLE, Ind., Aug. 27. George Arnold, a farmer living in the employ of Franklin Boots, who lives about fifteen miles west of this city, made a discovery which has excited widespread interest...

Besiege in a Church-Yard.

To some, this scene would produce sad thoughts, Friends, relations, husband, wife, child he buried here, but to me it is a scene of triumph...

A Test.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: I find you a test that I received through the medium of a dear friend of mine, whose name I will not mention...

The Influence of Sound upon Health.

The manifestation of any force is the result of motion induced by some previous force. Although sound is not generally spoken of as a force, as electricity, magnetism, or heat, it is real...

Even in the case of persons who are born deaf, while the ear may be inert, they nevertheless feel sound to a greater or less extent. There is generally observed in the countenance of such unfortunate ones, a blank and morbid nature...

Again, how exhilarating is some lively, tripping air with its quick pulsing notes that run through us in delicious motion. If our nerves are not yet dulled by age, the mind instinctively sets the body in motion...

The influence of song in harmonizing different moods and bringing them into union of action to accomplish some otherwise unattainable object, is well known and its efficacy is well appreciated by our Methodist brethren who sing hymns after their manner...

As agreed-upon sounds exert a healthful tendency and render the mind buoyant and active, not less do discordant sounds shock the nerves and distract the temper. It would be an easy matter to throw a sensitive person into insanity by the iteration of discordant sounds...

"Sweet bells jangled, Hursh, and out of tune." I would not produce the impression that music is a universal panacea for disease, but that it is a valuable aid in the preservation of health...

Letter from Brooklyn, N. Y.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: You were a little premature in your editorial, "Change of Base." It is true that the regular societies in New York and Brooklyn have "folded their tents" and silently withdrawn...

I had almost forgotten to say that the Church of the New Spiritual Dispensation is also kept open Sunday evenings. Judge Dailey having engaged Miss Beecher to supply the pulpit every Sunday evening. I would she has small but enthusiastic audiences...

Letter from Ireland.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: The JOURNAL is at hand in due time, and is most refreshing to me after my arrival from the land of fruits and flowers; indeed, it is an antidote in this wilderness of confused theological ideas...

Although in foreign lands, yet my good guardian never forgot me. I was visibly visited by a loving mother and sister with fond embraces, while in New Zealand and America, who when in the earthly body were the last to improve me for infidelity...

THOMAS F. POYNTER, Kilmoye Corby, Edgeworthstown, Longford Co., Ireland.

Second Sight.

The following account of his own abnormal experiences is related to me by Dr. Mandlowiczka, a German of his practice in the Stationers' Square, London, whom I have known for some years.

"One night, in the summer of 1882, I was resting after a call to a patient, at about one A. M. My brain was in a somewhat excited state in consequence of having been called up for several successive nights, and when I lay down in bed I fell into a state of unconsciousness...

"About a month after the foregoing, precisely the same state of things occurred again. I had been called to a patient, and was sitting in my study, and was resting after returning from one when I had a vision of myself running along the line accompanied by several railway porters...

Reception to Mrs. E. L. Watson.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: A public reception was given Mrs. E. L. Watson by the San Francisco Spiritualists, Saturday evening, August 11th, in Metropolitan Temple. Mrs. Watson's first appearance in public in this city since her return from Australia, and her great popularity was attested by the thronging multitudes that filled the hall...

A Sensible Parrot.

Three weeks after the great fire in Chicago, in 1871, I saw a parrot which had saved itself from the general fate of all household treasures there. It had belonged to my old friend, Mrs. Kirkland, and was doubly cherished by her daughter.

A. D. HARRISON writes: I must say that the interest I take in the JOURNAL's contents increases as the question of organization is being agitated. We need a society in every village where people can meet and assimilate with each other...

Salt in the Bible.

They have a practice in mining regions which is known as "salting a claim." When it is desirable to enhance the value of a piece of property offered for sale or to attract attention to any special locality, the view of diverting attention from richer deposits...

Strangely enough, a similar practice has also prevailed in dealing with the Bible. It has been salted with texts and interpolations which did not belong to the original soil. A very important part of the work of the revisers of the translation of the New Testament was to detect and sift out these interpolations...

Then, having purified the text, it was necessary to purify the translation. The reader has only to turn to his copy of the common English version, and observe the excess of italics and note the misleading chapter-titles and head-lines, to see how much the Bible has been salted with words and phrases in the common version which formed no part of the original text.

Thus, the Bible has been sown not only with words, phrases, and paragraphs which did not belong to the original, but it has also been salted with doctrines, traditions, implications, and inferences which do not harmonize with its spirit. Much of this salt has lost its savor, and it is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and trodden under foot of men.

Premonitions of Clyde Disaster.

We have frequently observed that great calamities, such as the fall of the Tay Bridge, colliery explosions, fires and railway accidents are anticipated by warnings received by one or more of the sufferers, or those connected with them. If these forewarnings were intelligently received and acted upon, loss of life would be frequently averted.

"The first body brought ashore yesterday was supposed by Mr. D. C. Donaldson to be that of a young man named Telfer, a dentist. To assure himself, he called on Monday morning he turned back three times saying that he could not understand what was wrong, but he was loth to leave, as he felt as if something were going to happen to him.

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Have Birds and Beasts Spirits?—Curious Phenomena.

The letter of Mr. S. C. Hall in a recent number of Light, regarding the spiritual appearances of animals, will have doubtless been read with interest by many persons.

From an article contributed by the writer to the Psychological Review, some years since, entitled "Ghosts in Tyrol," the following narrative is taken. It was communicated to her by H. S. H. the Prince of Solms-Braunfels, who was acquainted with a German landscape painter whose wife's experience is therein recorded.

THE GHOST OF A ROEBUCK. "The wife of a German landscape-painter, resident in Tyrol, is a passionate lover of children and animals, and always spreads a sphere of enjoyment around herself amongst both. At one time this lady had a roebuck, a creature as tame as a pet lamb.

The following morning, at the accustomed hour, the lady heard the footsteps of the roebuck bounding up the stairs. She at once hastened to the door, rejoiced to find, as she supposed, the poor animal recovered and returned home.

The husband of Frau B., living in M., possessed a handsome large greyhound, which upon every occasion evinced extraordinary attachment to Frau B., and which in return received great kindness at her hands.

THE SPIRIT OF A GREYHOUND SEEN AT THE TIME OF ITS DEATH. "The husband of Frau B., living in M., possessed a handsome large greyhound, which upon every occasion evinced extraordinary attachment to Frau B., and which in return received great kindness at her hands.

THE SPIRIT OF A HORSE had once been accurately described to him by a friend of his and of ours, a lady in private, a seeress of highly developed gifts, the truthfulness of whose remarkable clairvoyant powers had frequently been tested by His Serene Highness.

THE SPIRIT OF A LARK! The late Prince Bernhard of Solms, when a boy, had possessed a pet skylark, of which he was extremely fond.

THE SPIRITS OF CATS AND OF A DOG have frequently been observed by a maid-servant, well-known to the writer. This young woman is a great "sensitive," she is fond of dumb creatures, and has had the care of various "pets."

scriptions of the abodes in the Spirit-world of these creatures. She has, she avers, been taken to see their homes. Little flowery green paddocks, surrounded with hedges of blooming roses, full of the richest grass and bright flowers, where the cats gambol about, or lie basking in the sunshine, or curled up in the shade, amongst the flowers.

THE SPIRIT OF A FAVORITE CANARY appeared to a friend of ours who died in 1877. In a letter from my father describing the death-bed of this friend, he says: "I wish poor P. in her last illness had not had her faculties so oppressed by her complaint. I think she could have told us something striking."

THE SOULS OF ANIMALS the seeress of Prevorost places within what she calls "the dream-ring." Here is the very suggestive passage from Mrs. Crowe's translation of "The Seeress of Prevorost."

Swedenborg has a different report to give us. He tells us ("Arcana Coelestia," 1633) that "the lives of animals are dissipated after death."

Conflicting statements—apparently conflicting—will inevitably meet us in this direction as elsewhere.

The writer, however, has faith to believe that in the present instance—as well as in the manifold revelations of manifold seers given through conflicting forms of religious belief and dogma—that by careful and sympathetic comparison one with another, when duly brought into mutual relationships, all these "broken lights" of revelation will be discovered—this, too, with a marvellous exactitude—to supplement each other's shortcomings; also to bring forth each other's affluence of internal wisdom.

THE SEERESS OF PREVOROST ("The Spheres"), Mrs. Crowe's translation p. 123. "The Seeress of 'reversal' being revelations concerning the inner life of man, and the inter-diffusion of a world of spirits in the one we inhabit. Communicated by Justine Kerner, Chief Physician at Weisberg, London: J. C. Moore, 12, Wellington-street, North, Strand, 1845.

Tests of Spirit Intelligence.

In the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL of May 20th, there was an article under the head of "Imperfect Transition," that throws a flood of light on a certain phase of private circle development which has heretofore been a great puzzle to me.

One of the cards for the latter, spread out in a row face downwards, were each surrounded by a small piece of card-board, numbered from one upwards, a separate figure for each. The Doctor wrote, whether he would "accept" or "pass," and when it was his turn to play, he first designated the number of the card, and then told of what nature it consisted.

A Simple Heretic.

A Poor Man's Theory of the Plan of Human Salvation. Up in Polk County, Wisconsin, not long ago a man who had lost eight children by diphtheria, while the ninth hovered between life and death with the same disease, went to the Health Officer of the town and asked aid to prevent the spread of the terrible scourge.

"You ask aid, I understand," said he, "to prevent the spread of the disease, and also that the town shall assist you in procuring new and necessary clothing to replace that which you have been compelled to burn in order to stop the further inroads of diphtheria."

"I am not a professor of religion," said he, "but I tell you, Mr. Nye, I don't believe that this Board of Health has used me right. Somewhat I ain't worried about my little fellers that's gone."

"Mind you, I don't kick because I am left here alone in the woods, and the sun don't seem to shine, and the birds seem a little backward about singing this spring, and the house is so quiet, and she is still all the time and cries in the night when she thinks I am asleep."

"I know that people who ain't familiar with the facts will shake their heads and say I'm a child of wrath, but I can't help it. All I can do is to go up there under the trees where them little graves is, and think how all-fired pleasant to me them little, short lives was, and how every one of them little fellers was welcome when he come, poor as I was, and how I rasted with poor crops and pine stumps to buy close for 'em, and didn't care a cent for style so long as they was well."

"That Board of Health is better read than I am. It takes the papers, and can add up figures, and do lots of things that I can't do, but when them fellers tells me that they represent the Town of Balsam Lake and the Kingdom of Heaven, my morbid curiosity is aroused, and I want to see their stiffs of election."

"Why, do you like a game of cards?" "Yes, I do," came the answer, rapidly written.

Then Mr. Whitney continued: "I will do so, if you will take a hand?"

To this the Doctor objected that he could not manage it right; but when Mr. W. explained a method of doing so, the answer came that the game could go on as proposed. A new deck of cards was now purchased, to preclude the possibility of any one knowing them by the back, and the hands dealt out for four, in the game of "Old Seven." apporportioned to Miss E., Mr. and Mrs. Whitney, and Dr. Rayner.

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